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Baptists Launch Giant New Drive To Convert Jews

By KEN JACOBSON

AKRON, O. (NJP)—A concerted drive to convert "lost" Jews to Christianity has been launched by Southern Baptists.

Objective of the national campaign to "reach Jews for Christ" is to preach the gospel to Jews by getting them to attend revivals.

HOME MISSION BOARD of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Ga., has stepped up a carefully charted mail campaign instructing members of that faith how to contact Jews, what to preach to them and how to entice them to revivals.

Included in the literature is an essay by a Henry Alford Porter noting a "religious disintegration among Jews." He sees this as an opportunity to spread "the high Judaism which is Christianity."

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS are advised to set aside Thursday night of the first week of every revival as "Jewish Night."

They are further advised how to contact Jews:

• Preachers and evangelists should make short visits to homes or businesses and invite Jews to the revival.

• A friendly, sincere visitor will not offend a Jew. Jews often appreciate being invited to Baptist revival services, especially by preachers.

• Baptist church members should visit Jewish homes and invite Jews to their church and home.

ONCE JEWS have been persuaded to attend a revival, Baptists are counseled to "preach with a sympathetic attitude toward these strangers to Christianity who are attending the services. The preacher who proclaims heart-searching truths in the spirit of love will make a favorable impression on Jews."

Their sales pitch, according to instructions from national headquarters, it also to stress the role of "Jesus as the world's savior for Jew and Gentile alike."

The essay by Porter entitled "If I Were a Jew" cites Jewish achievement and suffering through the centuries before making its point—alleged Christian concern about the "disintegration" of Judaism.

ACCORDING TO Porter, a great proportion of Jews are no longer connected with synagogues in large cities and the young generation is drifting even further away.

He cites a survey taken in Harlem which purports to show 80 per cent of the Jews there have no connection with synagogues. But he concedes that efforts to convert Jews have met with little success.

Mourns Porter: "While it has been estimated that there are at least 250,000 Hebrew Christians at the present time and 3,000 of them preaching the gospel, it cannot be denied that the evangelization of the Jews is beset with difficulties for education."

with great difficulties and shows comparatively meager results."

Chief reason for this evangelistic flop, Porter says, is that "too many Jews have experienced too little Christian treatment from those who claim to be Christians."

Another reason, he adds, "is the untruthful charge that the Jews are alone responsible for the death of Christ."

Porter feels the batting average for conversions will improve only if Christians become more "Christlike in spirit and action. . . . The Jewish problem is every bit as much one of regeneration on the part of the Christian as it is one of new allegiance on the part of the Jews."

Rabbs Back From Israel, Go to Japan

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NJP)—It is likely that Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Rabb, recently twice presented to a queen and a prince, will soon be presented to an emperor, the Emperor of Japan.

THE RABBS, just returned from a holiday in Israel, left this week for a nine-day stay in Japan, where Rabb, secretary to the President's Cabinet, will fill a series of speaking engagements, radio and TV, including an address to the International Businessmen's Conference in Tokyo, and the Japan-American Society.

Rabb, who speaks excellent Bostonese but no Japanese, told The POST and OPINION: "Odd as it may seem, English is becoming more and more an international language."

The Rabbs will be present at the opening of the Japanese world series at which Max Rabb will throw out the first ball.

He will carry messages to the government of Japan from the administration.

Javits to Ask Probe of White Citizens' Council

NEW YORK (NJP)—Senator Jacob K. Javits told a New York conference of B'nai B'rith that he would ask the Senate to investigate the White Citizens' Council.

Senator Javits termed the council "the principal organized opposition" to federal responsibility to enforce equal opportunity to education.

Israel-Bonn Relations On 'In Effect'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NJP)—Diplomatic relations between Israel and Germany are established "in effect," declared Hans Krekeler, German ambassador to the United States.

Krekeler, who returned here this week from a two and a half month stay in Germany, told The POST and OPINION: "Recognition was established when the treaty for reparation was signed by our two countries."

He acknowledged, however, that formal recognition still had not been given by Israel, even though Israel maintains a ministry in Germany to protect claims of its citizens and assist in trade between the two countries.

Ambassador Krekeler told The POST and OPINION relations between Germany and Israel are excellent and said: "We are very happy for the very good relations we now have with Israel."

Jews Arrested Waiting Ship For Israel

TANGIERS, Morocco (NJP)—The Moroccan government this week arrested 250 Jews while they were waiting to board a ship to take them to Israel.

Police said the emigrants had illegal passports, obtained from underground organizations.

Emigration to Israel has decreased markedly in Morocco during the last two months, since the Moroccan government repealed its order forbidding such emigration, according to other reports. Some reports even say that some of the Moroccans who did migrate want to return.

Civil Rights Post For Lehman Urged

NEW YORK (NJP)—Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan urged that President Eisenhower appoint former Senator Herbert H. Lehman to his civil rights commission in an article in Nation magazine.

NOW IS THE FATEFUL TIME

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NJP)—This is the time to year to watch.

Last year at this time, Egypt was emitting war whoops and threats and massing troops at her border. Result: The Suez campaign and complete routing of widely touted Egyptian juggernaut.

Now Syria is making threats against Turkey. Observers fear Middle East may explode again. The war-like incantations of Syria's leaders may bring forth this Halloween the terrible spirits and ghosts of war.

Professor Rejects Top Israel Awards to Avert Battle With Orthodox

TEL AVIV (NJP)—A LITERARY AWARD associated with the name of the late Chief Rabbi of Israel Kook has been rejected for a second time by its American winner, Prof. Saul Lieberman, a leading world Jewish scholar who is on the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Himself an Orthodox Jew, as are practically all the faculty of the Seminary, Prof. Lieberman turned down the award this year for the second time because of opposition to his selection by Orthodox circles in Israel. They object to his serving on the faculty of a seminary which trains Conservative rabbis.

ISRAEL HELD INNOCENT BYSTANDER IN MID-EAST

By LILI ELLER

UNITED NATIONS (NJP)—Israel is just an innocent bystander in the latest Middle East crisis, observers of the Mideast drama declared here this week.

The hot dispute between Syria and Turkey which threatens to upset the not-too-delicate tensions in the area may simmer down as a result of intervention by Saudi Arabia's King Saud.

A MEMBER of the Saudi delegation here told The POST that his country is confident Saud's offer of mediation will ease the situation. The Saudis feel the king's offer is really a gesture to help the two countries (Syria and Turkey) save face.

"Since there is no question of territorial invasion," the Saudi

Syria Minister Hits Israel 'Expansionism'

UNITED NATIONS (NJP)—Despite the United Nations' putting off Syria-Turkey discussions for three days, Israel's "expansionist tendencies" and "International Zionism" were brought into the discussion by Syria's foreign minister Bitar.

Bitar in the same breath bitterly attacked the Eisenhower doctrine which he said "was intended to insure military and economic dependence of the Arab countries through American intervention."

Sharett Wants Change In Mapai Setup

TEL AVIV (NJP)—Former Israeli Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, who heads a faction in the Mapai opposed to Ben-Gurion, told a meeting here that the control of the Mapai should not be in the hands of a few men. He did not mention Ben-Gurion by name.

Rabbi Kook prize committee that he did not want to involve the name of Rabbi Kook in any controversy. He refused the award last year on the same grounds.

Rabbi M. Rath, who also was named as a Kook prize-winner, turned down the coveted prize also. His reason was that he did not want to be a co-winner with Rabbi Lieberman.

The author of many scholarly works, Rabbi Lieberman taught Talmud at Hebrew University for five years during the 1930's, and headed the Harry Fischell Institute in Jerusalem for five years after that. He served as president of the American Academy for Jewish Research for three years.

spokesman said, "there is nothing urgent about the negotiations."

Asked what it was he hoped his king could mediate, he said Saud hopes to persuade both countries to remove their border troops.

Russia wants a general assembly debate instead of mediation and a United Nations commission as proposed by Syria. Since Russia strongly opposes the bid by the oil monarch whose royal welcome here last year recently was equaled by that given a prettier potentate, Saudi once more becomes the focus of West hope in Mideast.

Only weeks ago Saudi had a foot in another camp, when he declared he would come to the defense of Syria.

GROMYKO CAGEY ABOUT MID-EAST

UNITED NATIONS (NJP)—Asked by The POST to comment on King Saud's mediation offer in the Syria-Turkey crisis, Soviet envoy Andrei Gromyko countered with "What do you think of it?"

Brandishing a screwdriver (vodka and orange juice) at a party by the Burma delegation, Gromyko declared: "See, this is 90 per cent vodka. The drink is 90 per cent Russian, only 10 per cent orange juice."

Meanwhile Gromyko's Soviet government denied massing troops on the Turkish border, and Iraq accused Russia of "intriguing to create unrest" in the Middle East.

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Israel Sues Bulgaria Over Plane Crash

ISRAEL HAS BROUGHT suit against Bulgaria in the international court of justice at the Hague for the shooting down of an El Al Israel airliner on July 27, 1955, when 58 passengers and crew members were killed. The plane was attacked by fighters after it had strayed from its flight path and crossed into Bulgarian territory. A partial settlement offer by Bulgaria has been rejected.

DR. SIMON RAMO, who helped develop the Air Force's intercontinental ballistic missile program, received the Aleph Zadik

Aleph 1957 distinguished alumnus award. Dr. Ramo was an active member of AZA.

HODDING CARTER, editor and publisher of the Delta Democrat-Times, Greenville, Miss., will assess the Southern desegregation issue at the American Jewish Committee's national executive board meeting to begin Saturday, Oct. 26.

DR. MILTON S. EISENHOWER, president of Johns Hopkins University, will receive the 1957 Menorah Award of the Baltimore Menorah Lodge of B'nai B'rith, Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Rabbi Morris Silverman of Hartford, Conn., leads a delegation of 10 state commissions to meet in Washington with the President's committee on government contracts and federal housing. The delegation will push for the rescinding of discrimination in employment and housing, Rabbi Silverman said.

NATIONAL MEETINGS: The National Council of Jewish Women has launched a nation-wide program of leadership training for Jewish women. The program will be opened by a two-week seminar Oct. 28-Nov. 8 for 20 prominent Council members. . . . The Joint Distribution Committee will hold its 43d annual meeting on Dec. 12 in New York. . . . A 12-month program for the



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next year will be reviewed and acted upon at a series of national planning sessions of the Jewish Welfare Board Oct. 24-27.

YESHIVA U. NEWS: Yeshiva University's graduate school of social work has received the 1,000-volume library of the defunct Training Bureau for Jewish Communal Service. . . . The national convention of Yeshiva University's women's organization will take place Sunday, Oct. 27, through Wednesday, Oct. 30, in Atlantic City, N.J. . . . The second annual convention of the Association of Men's Clubs of the Yeshiva University Synagogue Council will be held Friday through Sunday, Nov. 8-10, at Lakewood, N.J. . . . More than 1,000 persons attended the dedication of the new Abraham Mazer student residence hall of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. Mazer was a member of the board of trustees of Yeshiva University for several years.

ISRAEL ROUND-UP: Fifth-year students of dentistry in Jerusalem will begin studies at the gleaming, newly reconstructed dental department of the Straus Health Center in Jerusalem in November. . . . One hundred American Jewish communal leaders are in Israel and Europe on the fourth annual United Jewish Appeal study mission. The mission will assess the needs of Jewish refugees in Europe and Israel's capacity to take them in. . . . An ore field with reserves estimated at 100 million tons has been discovered near Ain Yahav, north of Elath. . . . The S.S. Jerusalem will have her maiden voyage Nov. 11. She is fourth of the liners built in Hamburg under the Israel-Germany reparations agreement. . . . Israel has sent 150 jeeps to Turkey under a \$124,600 contract between Turkey and Israel. . . . Potash in high concentration has been discovered during oil prospecting in the Mount Sodom area. . . . Israel has signed trade agreements with Uruguay and Argentina. . . . An emblem has been chosen for Israel's 10th anniversary celebration. It shows an outstretched arm holding a menorah with the letter Yud (symbolizing the figure 10) drawn in the form of a leaf.

BOOKS AND WORKS: The Jewish Community Library of Los Angeles has dedicated 5,000 volumes in a new rabbinical department, announced **Rabbi Rudolph Lupo**, library director. . . . Several hitherto unknown and unprepared works by the late **Arnold Schoenberg** have been discovered among his papers in Los Angeles. . . . The works of **Moses P. Halperin**, chairman of the art committee of the Jewish Community Centers in Cleveland, are being exhibited there. . . . A prize of \$1,000 is being offered by the Jewish Theater for Children in New York for the best full-length play in English for children based on a Jewish theme. Manuscripts will be received at the offices of the theater, 1776 Broadway, New York. . . . The Riverside Museum in New York City is giving the first exhibition of the work of the artists of Ein Hod, artists'

DOCTOR SHORTAGE SERIOUS
BEERSHEBA, Israel — The shortage of doctors in the Negev has reached catastrophic proportions, a spokesman for Kupat Holim told the press here this month.

Struggle Over Control of Auditorium

TEL AVIV (NJP)—A struggle has begun here over who will control the Fredric R. Mann auditorium.

The local board of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation is demanding an active part in both management and ownership of the building. But the arrangement so far has been that it would be run by a joint management board composed of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's public commission and the Tel Aviv municipality.

Fredric Mann, chairman of the U.S. board of the foundation, told the Jerusalem Post that the local board had no authority but was purely an advisory body.

Zvi Haftel of the Orchestra management retorted: "All we players want is to play in a decent concert hall, and not a controversy over the building." He pointed out that players have had to bear two-thirds of the auditorium's maintenance cost.

VENEZUELAN TO BUILD HALL

JERUSALEM (NJP)—Miles Sherover of Venezuela will meet the costs of constructing a 1,000-seat long-overdue concert hall for Jerusalem.

The auditorium will serve as a concert hall and a theatre.

Every effort will be made to complete the building by the time of the 10th anniversary celebrations.

Free Concerts Proposed for Auditorium

LYDDA AIRPORT, Israel—Fredric R. Mann, chairman of the U.S. Board of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation, expects to acquire several distinguished artists for the 10th anniversary celebrations in addition to Artur Rubinstein, and to offer a number of free concerts.

He announced here before leaving for the United States that he has undertaken to head the chairmanship of the committee for music and arts for the celebrations. Next year will be a great musical event, he said.

The new concert hall now puts Israel into position to give leadership to the entire world in cultural matters, he added.

East Germans Return Valuable Jewish Library

HAMBURG, Germany—The valuable library belonging to the Jewish community here has been returned after years of negotiation with the East German authorities.

During the first years of World War II the library was confiscated by the Gestapo and transported to Berlin. The East German government, 12 years later, has returned it.

Cheap Water for Negev

ASHKELON, Israel—The Mekorot Co., the settlement department of the Jewish Agency, has agreed to provide cheap water for Southern district and Negev farms, the ministry of agriculture has announced.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

1957 Human Rights Award Goes to Harry Truman

FORMER PRESIDENT Harry S. Truman will be presented the fourth annual Human Rights Award at the annual Human Rights Award Dinner of the Joint Defense Appeal on Wednesday, Nov. 13, in New York. Mr. Truman will be honored for

Truman his contributions to the growth of human freedom and dignity.

Former Judge Simon H. Rifkind and Melvin A. Block, president of Block Drug Company, will be guests of honor at the dinner.

REAR ADM. LEWIS L. STRAUSS, chairman of the United States atomic energy commission, has been awarded the insignia of Grand Officer of the Order of Leopold by King Baudouin of Belgium.

The University of Liege has conferred an honorary doctorate on Strauss, who is inspecting the nuclear power station in Belgium at the invitation of the Belgian government.

WEST GERMAN newspapers paid tribute recently to the late Walter Rathenau, foreign minister murdered in 1922 during the Weimer Republic, on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of his birth.

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER of the Temple in Cleveland will examine the outlook for Jewish group life in America at the opening session of the 26th general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The four-day conference will take place at



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the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, Nov. 14-17.

HAROLD TROBE has been appointed director for Europe and North Africa of United HIAS service. Trobe succeeds Louis D. Horwitz, who is joining the staff of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Zionism Too Aggressive

A former Israeli, Joseph Ben-David, has been appointed executive director of the American Council for Judaism philanthropic fund. Ben-David served in the medical corps with advance Israeli units during the Arab-Israel war and later became chief inspector in the department of Health in Jerusalem.

Ben-David left the country, the fund announces, because he came to disapprove of the "aggressive tendencies in Zionism which he saw developing in the political climate of Israel."

Birthday for B-G

Israel's Prime Minister Ben-Gurion celebrated his birthday Oct. 16. He is 71.

ROBERT GAMZEY, editor of the Intermountain Jewish News, has been recognized as an outstanding graduate in journalism by the University of Colorado.

ABBA EBAN, Israel ambassador to the United States, and Mrs. Yehudit Simhonit, woman member of Israel's first Knesset, will be the principal speaker at the opening of the 15th biennial convention of the Pioneer Women to be held in Boston Oct. 26-30. Congressman Wayne L. Hays of Ohio will be banquet speaker Oct. 29.

PRESIDENT BEN-ZVI of Israel was recently conferred the Grand Gold Cross of the Order of Jose Maria Delgado by El Salvador. This is the highest order of the republic of El Salvador.

AROUND THE NATION: Morris B. Mandelbaum of Newark, N. J., will be honored at a testimonial banquet Nov. 6, on his 60th birthday. He is retiring and expects to devote all his time from now on to work on behalf of Israel and the general community.

AROUND THE WORLD: Dr. Hannah Scheinson has been named the first councilor of a district rabbinical court in Israel. . . . Mrs. Jeanette Wolff, a Jewish member of the Bunde-

ry Committee for Aeronautics, has been presented the NACA exceptional service award. . . . Jacob Padawer has been appointed state judge advocate of the Jewish War Veterans of New York.

Writers Honored

AHARON ZELTIN and Yitzhak Ziv-Am were recently awarded the Ussishkin prize for literature at a ceremony held in the Jewish National Fund main office in Jerusalem.

Zeitlin, a Hebrew poet living in the United States, received the \$444 prize for his poem "Bein Esh Leyesha" (Between Fire and Redemption).

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stag (lower house of the federal German parliament) was unanimously elected chairman of the Berlin Jewish community recently. . . . Max Brod, Jewish author and publisher from Tel Aviv, has arrived in Dusseldorf, Germany, to give a series of lectures on Jewish and non-Jewish cultural topics. . . . Baron Guy de Rothschild of Paris has been named chairman of the newly formed committee of the Friends of the Hebrew University. . . . Max Hirshfield, chairman of the Jewish community of Bielefeld, England, has been awarded the federal cross of merit on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

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INDIVIDUAL KIBBUTZ MEMBERS GET GERMAN REPARATIONS

TEL AVIV (NJP)—A dispute over distribution of German reparations money to kibbutzim was settled this week. Individual kibbutz members will be allowed to keep part of the money, the Israel kibbutz movement executive announced.

They will be allowed to use it for travel expenses abroad, for the purchase of furniture, and "for any other purpose which does not offend the customary way of life of our socialist kibbutzim."

The announcement followed heated controversy in kibbutzim over a previous decision by the executive that the common fund of kibbutzim, not individuals, would keep reparations money.

The problem was complicated by the fact that a number of "kibbutznicks" have preferred leaving the kibbutzim rather than handing over reparations money to them.

The executive had felt its previous stand justified because kibbutzim provide for all the personal needs and social welfare and travel expenses of individual kibbutz members.

ISRAEL TRADE CENTER TO MAKE PARIS DEBUT

PARIS (NJP)—ISRAEL will soon have a giant economic center in the heart of this French capital, it was revealed this week.

Israel's purchases in France are expected to exceed \$50 million this year, or four times what they were last year.

As part of a major drive to multiply Israel exports to France, the lavish three-story building will be opened in the Rue de la Paix, Paris' most fashionable street.

The Jerusalem Post said the new Israel house will include basement and ground floor showrooms with imposing frontage on the street. It will display a wide

range of merchandise for both retail and wholesale buyers. Book, music and art shops, as well as a tourist office, the Franco-Israel chamber of commerce and the Israel embassy's economic department will be grouped in the building, enabling French and others to do all their business with Israel under one roof.

TALKS FOR the fifth annual Franco-Israel trade agreement are to open Nov. 4 in Israel, it was reported here this week.

Franco has recently granted \$45 million additional credits to Israel for various projects and for various periods of time.

ASK ISRAEL-INDIA TIE

TEL AVIV (NJP)—The establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and India was called for recently by J. P. Kripalani, member of the Indian parliament and a former president of the National Congress Party.



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Cotton 'Crops Up' as Boon to Israel Economy

JERUSALEM (NJP) — COTTON-GROWING in Israel, virtually unknown before 1954, is playing a vital role in helping Israel provide for her food, oil and clothing needs—Independent of outside help.

Until recently Israel agriculture has been engaged in supplying only the primary needs for the country's food consumption. Now Israel villages provide for almost all the food consumption needs of the population in addition to most of the seed and fodder crops required for its fowl and dairy cows.

BECAUSE HER agricultural land is limited, Israel cannot supply her own needs for wheat. New and productive agricultural crops such as cotton have therefore had to be introduced to the irrigated areas so that the country can purchase her required quantity of wheat.

Experiments only a few years ago showed that cotton could thrive in Israel's climate. Sam Hamburger, well-known American cotton-grower, established the first cotton-growing farm in the Beisan Valley. He succeeded in raising 1,804 pounds of pure cotton per acre.

IN 1954 the first 750 acres of cotton were sown in the Beisan Valley. Having succeeded, the farm decided to expand its crop area southward. The Negev has proved to be a zone particularly suitable for the cotton plant. Even such rare strains as the long-fiber cotton have succeeded there.

In 1955 5,000 acres of cotton were sown, yielding a total of 2,000 tons, more than 24 times that sown in 1954. Israel's cotton consumption that year was 5,000 tons. Within a year the state had succeeded in supplying 40 per cent of its own cotton needs.

In the following year, 1956, 13,250 acres were sown. But part of the crop was destroyed by the boll weevil. The failure taught farmers how to fight the pest with new chemical sprays. There are signs that this year the cotton-plant disease has been overcome.

This year's crop is expected to save Israel \$7 million in imports of cotton. Israeli officials anticipate that cotton cultivation on 37,500 acres of land will bring in nearly \$20 million a year in the next three or four years.

NEW SETTLEMENTS will take a constantly increasing share of the cultivation of cotton, since the land reserves for cotton-growing are in the Negev, where most of the new immigrant villages have been established.

Immigrants from Egypt will be especially useful because of their experience with expensive long-fiber cotton. This type of cotton is intended for export, and considerable orders have already been placed by several companies abroad.

The Negev is thus becoming Israel's cotton center. Plans are underway for the erection of large cotton-spinning factories there to increase the income from cotton production.

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Israeli Girl Brings in the Cotton

An Israeli girl at a Beisan Valley farm carries a bag of cotton to a truck where it will be taken to be ginned. The farm was the first in Israel to grow cotton in 1954. Not only thousands of men and women laborers but hundreds of Israeli children are going to the fields to pluck the soft white cocoons. In some sections of Israel, children are let out of school to help their parents pick cotton.



Israel's Fourth Cotton Crop Ripens

Cotton, which in the past three years has become one of Israel's most important crops, is ripening again in Israel's fields. This cotton field at Rehava settlement in the Negev is part of the 15,000 acres of cotton sown the past season. Israel's cotton crop this year is expected to reach 6,000 tons of pure cotton and 10,000 tons of cotton seed oil.

Israel 'Not Expendable'

LONDON — "The Arabs no longer regard Israel as an expendable force, and there is not one Arab state prepared to take on Israel on its own," declared a Labour candidate for parliament, Cecil Genese, at a meeting here this month.

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Israel Takes Mid-East Tensions Right in Stride

By CARL ALPERT

NEW YORK—One finds one's self caught up in the excitement and tension provoked by the latest events in the Middle East, and one wonders if indeed this is a true crisis. But then reason and sense of balance reassert themselves. While the headlines here continue to scream of the war scare, and menacing troop moves are matched

only by even more menacing speeches, the latest letters from Israel reassure us that life continues there on its even and unruffled course. There has been almost no reflection in Israel of the fears and the nervousness which have characterized American reaction to the events.

IT HAS EVER BEEN THUS. Israel has lived with this situation for 10 years, and there is no longer anything to get excited about. Russian arms to Syria? But Russia has been arming Egypt for two years already, and we can't keep our blood pressure perpetually high. Nasser's troops sent to Syria? They are but a token force, and obviously intended as a gesture seeking to reassert Nasser's dwindling prestige in the Middle East. Indeed, by making the great-to-do which it has about this move, the U. S. State Department has presented Nasser with all the advantages of a public relations coup.

The Israeli in America knows that there is exaggeration in the headlines, and that the significance is frequently distorted for political purposes, but he nevertheless finds himself falling under the influence of the near-hysteria. On the other hand, I have no doubt that American tourists now in Israel, who will shortly return to the U. S., will ask in surprise what all the excitement is about. Actual presence in Israel at such a time has a calming and soothing influence. It promotes confidence. Solution for the jitters: go to Israel.

WAR AND THREATS of war make news, but that which is done to prepare for peace seldom is considered newsworthy. A letter from home reporting on my daughter's progress in her Arab studies reminds me that almost nothing is known in the U. S. about what Israel is already doing to prepare for the peace that must inevitably come. It is not enough to wait for that blessed day; there are steps to

be taken now, to ensure that the peace shall be lasting.

Israel is located in a corner of the world which has its own type of civilization, its own language, its own predominant religion. If we are to live on friendly relations with these people we must know them and their ways, and we must be able to speak to them in their own tongue. We cannot begin with that internal education program only when diplomatic relations are established with our neighbors. That will be too late.

Thus it is that the Arabic language is taught in almost all of Israel's schools. Further, many of the high schools offer specialized courses designed to give the young students a thorough knowledge of the entire Middle Eastern area. And just as many young American students are called upon at high school to choose between a college course or a commercial course, so my daughter was asked to choose from the courses offered.

THESE INCLUDED specialization in the field of science, of literature, of the humanities—and the East. She chose the latter. Her time is now occupied in study of Arabic language and literature, of Islamic religion and culture, of Middle Eastern history and geography—in short in obtaining as thorough a knowledge as is possible to equip her—and the thousands of other boys and girls who have selected similar courses—to serve as representatives of Israel to our neighbors.

They may eventually join the diplomatic or foreign service of the State of Israel. They may be commercial representatives, engaged in doing business with our neighbors. They may perhaps go to these lands as teachers, but whatever their precise functions may be, they will be equipped to talk the language of the people, and will be prepared to understand their background and mentality.

None of this is dramatic or newsworthy, yet I venture to feel that in the long run of history the fact that Israeli children are already preparing for lives and careers devoted to promoting better peaceful relations with the Arabs, is far more important than the fleeting and transient headlines about troop movements and threats and political maneuvering.

AND WHO ARE the wiser diplomats, those who threaten and boast and swagger, or those who quietly prepare their people to be ready for the peace which, while it may be delayed, must inevitably come?

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RABBINICAL THREATS HIT

TEL AVIV (NJP) — The chief rabbinate's threat of boycott against the products of kibbutzim which breed pigs "constitute a criminal offense which is punishable by heavy fine or even by prison," said Israel's state prosecutor, Haim Cohen, according to "Lamerchav," mouthpiece of the left-wing Achdut Avoda party.

But the prosecutor is not planning "to take any action now," the paper said. At issue were the laws of the state concerning freedom of work and trade.

Students Help To Pick Cotton

ASHKELON (NJP)—The two highest classes of the Sderot public school were released recently so that 50 students could join their elders in picking cotton.

The shortage of agricultural workers is becoming more acute here with the acceleration of cotton and peanut picking in the area.

Looking Backward

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Through Issues of The POST

10 YEARS AGO

The national executive committee of the ZOA announced it would establish a commission to study the change in program and policies expected to result from the formation of a Jewish state. . . . A survey in the Boston Traveler showed that three-fourths of Boston's non-Jews were in favor of the partition of Palestine.

FIVE YEARS AGO
The Williams College chapter

3 BILLION GIVEN TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV (NJP)—Israel has received more than 3 billion dollars from abroad since its founding, Eliezer Livneh, former Mapai leader and well-known writer and thinker here, reported in his monthly "B'terem."

of Phi Delta Theta fraternity in Williamstown, Mass., defied its national office and pledged a Jew. . . . The American Zionist Council, on which all major U. S. Zionist groups are represented, voted to censure the Labor Zionist Organization for its endorsement of Adlai Stevenson for President. . . . The Torah was read publicly in Jerusalem at a revival of the ancient Hakham ceremony, last performed 1,900 years ago. Several thousand persons gathered at Sukkot to hear the reading, which will take place again in 1959.

ONE YEAR AGO

A bomb scare at an Israel Bond banquet in Baltimore at which Mayor Gershon Agron of Jerusalem was the principal speaker was termed a "prank" by Baltimore police. . . . The Torah Umesorah day school movement reported a 25 per cent increase in the number of pupils in day schools during the year.



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TEL AVIV (NJP) — Marketing in Europe of Israel's citrus fruits will be difficult this year because of the enormous quantity of citrus Spain is exporting at low prices, delegates of the Israel Citrus Fruit Board who have just returned from Europe, report.

West Germany has ordered about 800,000 cases of Israeli oranges, but the Soviet Union has informed the board that it is not interested in Israeli oranges this year.

A POST AND OPINION EXCLUSIVE REPORT

Maurice Samuel Tells Why He Broke With Asch

By JANICE KAPLAN

NEW YORK (NJP) — Breaking a silence of nearly 10 years on the subject, Maurice Samuel, internationally famed critic, lecturer, and writer, this week disclosed in an exclusive interview with The POST and OPINION his reasons for refusing to translate the novel "MARY" by the late Sholem Asch.

Samuel THESE were made clear in a letter never before revealed to the public—a letter dated Feb. 26, 1948; sent to the author by the rapier-witted, silver-voiced Samuel, whose superb translations had brought two earlier Asch novels, "The Nazarene" and "The Apostle," to the best-seller lists of the English-speaking world.

In the letter, Samuel based his objections to the "Mary"

manuscript on several features, which he wrote, "depressed him deeply." Primarily they involved Asch's changing attitude toward the virgin birth, Jesus' "liberation" of the Jews from the Pharisees, and the pre-Christian state of Jewish ethics.

"IT BAFFLES ME," wrote Samuel, "that you should consider the book a contribution toward 'better understanding' between Jews and Christians. I am painfully certain that the work, if published as it stands, will do two things: increase anti-Jewish feeling, and bring your name into disrepute. I don't want to see either of these things done."

(The words rang prophetically: today, several months after his death, Sholem Asch is still a highly controversial figure—viewed with intense suspicion in many literary and religious circles.)

At the same time, Samuel, a

leading literary figure on the Jewish scene for nearly four decades, made it clear to this correspondent that his letter was not to be taken as criticism of Asch's talent or his ability to project it into prose.

"IN NO WAY am I attacking Asch's very real genius," he told The POST. "This letter will simply explain why he and I who had worked together closely and successfully for so many years, had come to a point where we had to terminate our association because of our increasingly divergent ideas on Judaism."

"In 'The Nazarene' and 'The Apostle,' he wrote Asch, 'you did not take a stand on dogmatic matters. You merely treated them with the proper respect. But in 'Mary, The Mother,' you have chosen to make an issue of the virgin birth. It isn't as though you narrated the views of others—which is what you did in the first two books.'

"IT IS impossible to read 'Mary the Mother' without saying: 'This man believes with emunoh sh'lemon in the virgin birth of Jesus. This impression . . . is inescapable . . . as the text now reads.'

Samuel then asked Asch if he wanted to urge the reader to believe in the virgin birth.

"If that is the case, Sholem," he continued, "you know that I cannot have any part in the publication of the book. I am as ready as you to spare the feelings of believers. I, too, will treat such matters of faith,

whether Jewish, Christian or Moslem, with a decent regard for others. I do not mind, either, describing the beliefs of others though I don't share them....

"But I cannot be a party to making propaganda for such views — and that is what the present text of 'MARY THE MOTHER' does for the virgin birth."

Samuel then went on to call this point "... perhaps the main-spring of other painful features in the book. . . . You ask for sympathy for Mary not on general grounds of decency and humanitarianism . . . but actually on the grounds of the virgin birth."

"YOU RAISE HERE an old, hopeless, tormenting question against which the Jews cannot defend themselves without indecency, and you precipitate anew a horrible dispute which serves no useful purpose."

Decrying the book's attacks on Rabbinic "tyranny," Mr. Samuel also objected to Asch's interpretation of Jesus' mission.

"In 'THE NAZARENE' and 'The Apostle' you took more or less the neutral stand that Jesus came for the Gentiles, not for the Jews. In this book you say flatly that Jesus came to liberate the Jews from 'the Rabbis and scholars.'

Quoting a long paragraph on the oppression of the poor by the Pharisees, Samuel calls it a charge of "universal corruption."

". . . OF COURSE, you can quote passages from the Talmud to back it," he continues. "But you could also condemn the entire Jewish people of Isaiah's time by quoting his: 'Ah, sinful people, seed of evil,' etc. And you don't mitigate the wrong . . . by a sympathetic description of the scholars forty pages . . . on. The damage is done. That is what the reader will remember."

As a closing point, Samuel questioned Asch on his choosing to "ignore" the fact that "Jewish tradition preceded and directed the ethics of Jesus."

". . . in 'THE NAZARENE' and 'THE APOSTLE' (he wrote) you were at pains to show that the ethics of Jesus were rooted in the developing Jewish tradition. That was one of the beauties and truths of the books. But in 'MARY THE MOTHER' you make Jesus an ethical innovator . . . without justification."

Samuel then illustrated his objection by relating a "very painful instance" from the book . . . in which the "heartless brutality of the Jews" is shown against an illegitimate child. For befriending the child and calling him innocent, Jesus is expelled from school.

Quoting from several scholars (before Jesus) who defended persons of illegitimate birth without penalty, Samuel called this incident "utterly unjust."

"You make it appear that Jewish law and ethics became petrified after Moses," he charged. "I have quoted passages from the book, but it is not a question of individual passages. Large masses of the text are shot through with this attitude."

Congress to Meet

LONDON — The European executive of the World Jewish Congress meets Oct. 26 in Paris.

JNF BORROWS \$10 MILLION
JERUSALEM — The Jewish National Fund has borrowed \$10 million from a bank outside of Israel, it announced.

'Modern' Judaism Draws Crowds at Israeli Services

JERUSALEM (NJP) — "Modern" Judaism attracted large numbers at the first "modern" Yom Kippur services in Tel Aviv this year, the Jerusalem Post reported.

The congregations were made up mostly of young married couples and their children. Families were seated together.

A spokesman for the Modern Judaism group said that similar groups met this year in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Ramat Gan and Haifa.

Much of the traditional order of services was followed except for the elimination of much of the medieval poetry (piyyutim) and references to the restoration of the sacrifices.

SON'S 'PUBLICITY STUNT' TERRIFIES FATHER, 81, INTO TAKING LIFE

LONDON (NJP) — A Jewish man who fled from the Nazis before World War II hanged himself here last week after a publicity stunt engineered by the man's own son tragically backfired.

Eighty-one-year-old Otto Stern became so terror-stricken when he thought he received a "police summons" to attend a charity luncheon that he took his life.

Attempts by his son—who cooked up a series of "summons" to build publicity for the event—had availed nothing. Mr. Stern still thought he was considered mixed up in a murder.

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US Youth, Back From Russia, Tells of Soviet Terrorism

By MIKE SHULMAN

BOSTON (NJP) — A young Harvard graduate returned to his suburban home here in Newton, Mass., after having attended the recent Moscow Youth Festival and orating for hours on end on the Russia atrocities committed in Hungary.

"As the time to obtain my exit visa came, I suddenly began to fear that the Russians might hold it up," said George S. Abrams, 25, son of Samuel Abrams, Boston lawyer and former president of HIAS.

"SOVIET authorities waited until one minute before the scheduled departure of my plane before they allowed me to board the aircraft to leave Russia," he said.

"I was very frightened the last few days," continued the thin-faced young man who said he lost 20 pounds while in the Soviet Union.

The Harvard graduate attributed his visa difficulties as well as his weight loss to his marathon street-corner lectures and question-and-answer periods during which he discussed subjects which normally do not reach the ears of the Russian people.

"ALMOST EVERY Jew I spoke to over the age of 25 expressed the desire to leave Russia and go to Israel," he declared.

Moscow Jewry was intensely curious about Israel. Older Jews wanted desperately to leave Russia and go to Israel but had no hope that they would ever be allowed this privilege.

Abrams said that Israel Premier David Ben-Gurion had listed the number of Russia Jews who would emigrate to Israel, if given the chance, at a million and a half. However, Abrams feels, he said, the number would be even greater.

HE SAW HOW most of them lived in Moscow. They were crowded into tenements, one family to a room and 12 families to bathroom facilities.

On one occasion as he wandered around the Red capital, Abrams recalled he found himself on top of Lenin's tomb in Moscow's Red Square, reading to a crowd of more than 1,000 people the United Nations' report on the Hungarian revolution.

He said he also found opportunities to slip leaflets telling about Soviet brutalities during the Hungarian revolt to interested Soviet university students.

ALL THIS evidently displeased Soviet authorities, Abrams related, and five days before his scheduled flight home, he found himself denounced as a "Fascist" provocateur by the official Soviet newspaper "Sovetskaya Rossiya."

Moreover, he said, his discussion groups suddenly began to abound with English-speaking hecklers and two automobiles began following him around Moscow. At times, two men would get out of the cars and follow him on foot, he said. But he continued to speak, at one time addressing corner crowds from 3 p.m. to 4 a.m. without pause and spurred on by the interested queries of his listeners.

"WHENEVER I read the Hungarian report, the people got very interested," the young Harvard law school graduate said. "None of them had even heard of the Hungarian report and occasionally a Russian would draw me aside after I talked and ask detailed questions.

"On three separate occasions I was approached by Leningrad students and by a professor of Leningrad University and his wife, who said they had heard of people finding bottles with messages from Hungarian students along railroad tracks.

"THEY SAID the students appealed for help, saying they were being deported from their homes in Hungary."

Abrams said the Russians he met received him with great warmth and showed great curiosity about life in the United States and the West in general.

He said, too, that he spoke to ever-increasing crowds, among them many Jews, who besieged him with questions about Jewish life in America.

"THEY WANTED to know the meaning of "Reform Judaism," if every Jewish family attended synagogues and many other questions.

There are three synagogues in Moscow, and Abrams, who went to the central one on his first Friday night there, said they are well-attended, although many Jews told him of horrors experienced under Stalin and of their fear that, although things had improved under Nikita Khrushchev, life would return to what it had been under Stalin.

AT HIS hotel, Abrams noticed the presence of many old women, who hovered near the entrance and waited on the sidewalk for days. He discovered they were summoning courage to approach the Americans and ask them to take out letters with them to be mailed to relatives in the United States.

In reminiscing about his trip, Abrams said this country should have sent more delegates to the Moscow festival to tell the Russians the truth about America.



Relates Experiences in Moscow

George S. Abrams, young Harvard graduate, tells Massachusetts Gov. Foster Furcolo of highlights of his 19-day stay in Russia during the Moscow Youth Festival. The Russians, as a result of Abrams' activities in Moscow, held up his exit visa until the very last minute before his plane left for Helsinki.

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In his over-all impression of his Moscow trip, Abrams said Russians are eager for contacts with Americans and this country should find means to foster such contacts.

"I feel strongly that the Russian government is really separated from the Russian people and that the government manipulates the people the way it

wants," said the Harvard graduate.

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Abrams went to Russia quite unexpectedly. When he was graduated from Harvard, his father, as a graduation present, provided him with a trip to Europe. When he applied in the United States for a visa for Russia his request was denied.

"HE APPLIED again in Warsaw, saying he wanted to attend

a law convention being held in Moscow during the World Youth Festival. His visa was then granted, and he entered Russia with the Polish delegation to the Festival, carrying only a suitcase full of reports on the Hungarian revolution. His luggage was not checked at the border.

The reception given the foreign delegations upon their arrival was tremendous, according to Abrams. The Russians trotted out the best they had in food, accommodations, entertainment and propaganda.

But the reception given them by the people themselves was far different, he said. Russians crowded around the foreigners, especially the American and Israeli delegations, and eagerly fired questions at them.

In all, the Newton youth spent a total of 19 days in Russia.

THEATRE

Light of Sholom Aleichem Shines Feebly Off Broadway

By JOSEPH GALE

(The review of the current off-Broadway production which follows is by Eva F. Schnitzer, a knowledgeable and intuitive lady from Mountainside, N.J., who is steeped in Jewish folklore and eminently qualified to write about it. After reading what she says, we are pleased that there is nothing we would add and certainly there is nothing to be subtracted. Indeed, should you see the play, may your pleasures be multiplied. — J.G.)

TEVYA, Sholom Aleichem's drayman turned dairyman, has arrived on the stage of the Carnegie Hall Playhouse, in New York, in the person of Mike Kellin, in a play in English by Arnold Perl, directed by Howard Da Silva.

In "Tevya and His Daughters," seven of whom have to be married off properly and chronologically (though the plot revolves around the marriage of only two), Sholom Aleichem's sym-

bolic and beloved figure of Jewry under the Tsar is in front of the audience for two hours. To Mike Kellin falls the staggering task of making Tevya come alive, of projecting for that length of time the lovable and intricate personality of the ever-hopeful dairyman, who whether he is quoting or misquoting from a plethora of Biblical sources, refuses to be submerged by callow existence.

AND DOES Tevya come alive? In a sense, yes. The plot, even if elementary, the meager props, the sparing use of Serge Hovey's excellent score, and the generally subdued acting of the supporting players — all serve as a backdrop against which shines the unquenchable spirit of Tevya. But the light shines feebly.

Those who remember Banner Productions' staging of "The World of Sholom Aleichem" two years ago may feel that Banner has lost emotional impact in "Tevya." Mike Kellin's performance is warm and sympathetic, but his part is superfluously

bert Green's characterization of Lazar Wolf, the coarse, well-to-do butcher who would marry the eldest daughter, Tzeitl. Some of the play's finest acting occurs in the first act, when the impatient Lazar in his soiled apron, and a knowing Tevya, imbibing freely, sit together to discuss "arrangements."

Other lively moments are in the second act, where Paul E. Richards as Feferel Perchik, a young revolutionary who dreams of remaking the world, woos and marries the second daughter, Hodel. Thus, he like Mottel Kamzoil, the impoverished tailor who does capture Tzeitl's heart, further strikes at Tevya's wistful hope that "well-made" marriages will scatter a little largesse his way, be it only a roast chicken now and then.

The bittersweet music is used mainly at curtain times. Teased by the snatches offered, we listened in vain for a more generous portion. There is a saying in the Midrash . . . but we mustn't encroach on Reb Tevya's preserve!

Much-Traveled Israeli Violinist Rises to Top of Profession

By LILI ELLER

NEW YORK (NJP) — He is a traveling minstrel, an unofficial musical ambassador of his country. And if seven-league boots were fashionable in this age of man-made moons, he could put them to good use.

Zvi Zeitlin, Israel violinist, has been traversing continents during the 17 years of his career, bringing great music to small and large cities, often contributing his talent to a cause he considers worthy.

HE WILL embark on his third consecutive tour of South America next summer. In artistic circles, being asked back by the same audience is equivalent to a trophy in the athletic world. All in all, he has played his rare Januarius Gagliano violin (made in 1765) in more than a dozen countries throughout the world.

Zeitlin was honored last week by the America-Israel society for his musical contributions.

But on at least four occasions Zeitlin's fiddle was temporarily stilled, while Rome-like fires burned around him: He happened to be in Buenos Aires, at the time of the Peron revolt and again, when an unsuccessful pro-Peronist uprising was attempted; he landed in Mexico City just at the time of its recent earthquake; and arrived in Guatemala City shortly before the country's president was assassinated. On all these occasions the scheduled concerts had to be postponed—but not cancelled.

ZEITLIN LIKES to play the music of his country, Israel. Almost every one of his performances includes a major piece from the pen of an Israel composer. The 34-year-old violinist told The POST, "I have faith in many Israel composers and their works. It is a duty and a

privilege for me to present them to audiences in the countries where I play."

Do audiences like Israel's music—that is, not the folk melodies, but the serious music by men such as Paul Ben-Chayim, for instance? "Some pieces do not go over well with audiences," the artist concedes. "I believe that audiences come to listen to music they enjoy, and ought not be punished for their attendance."

"On the other hand," Zeitlin continues, "sometimes it is a matter of getting used to a difficult piece. Sometimes I play a piece several times and find the audience grow to like it."

ONE OF THE most thrilling experiences in the artist's life was playing Mozart, Bach, Schubert in his own country—for newcomers from Asian and African countries who had never before listened to such music.

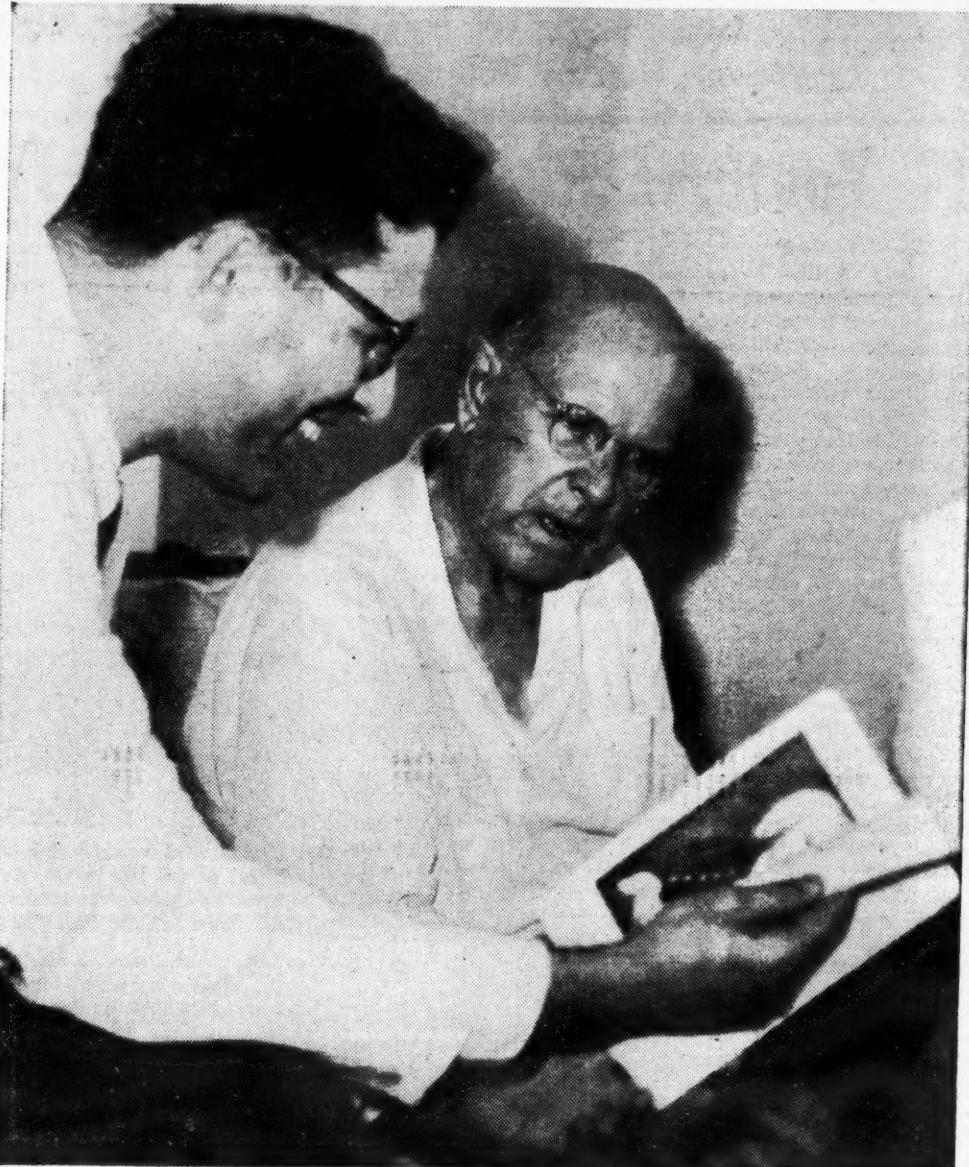
"They reacted surprisingly well," the violinist recalls. "It is important for these people, who are coming into a Western civilization, to be exposed to the musical thinking of this culture."

During World War II when Zeitlin was serving with the RAF in the Middle East, he was asked to perform near Tobruk for the commanding officer.

The performance was such a hit that Zeitlin's military tasks (including washing dishes) were immediately suspended—the air marshal was furious at the thought of an artist using his hands for menial tasks—and thus possibly ruining their playing capacity.

After that, Zeitlin gave some 10 concerts in his two and one-half years of service in such cities as Gaza, Tobruk and Cairo.

THESE DAYS his schedule is



Words of Praise From a Great Master

Israeli violinist Zvi Zeitlin (left) confers with Pablo Casals, noted cellist, at the Prades Festival. Casals praised Zeitlin as one of "the greatest instrumentalists and interpreters of music."

no less heavy. During the concert season which begins in October and lasts through April, the Israel violinist plays almost nightly to audiences all over the country.

Zeitlin's talent was praised recently at the Prades Festival by the noted cellist, Pablo Casals, who took him under his wing and later wrote to him: "By your talent, you are worthy of being among the greatest instrumentalists and interpreters of music." Did the two talk about Israel? "We discussed politics only in the broadest sense," Zeitlin recollects.

The late Serge Koussevitzky, upon hearing Zeitlin play, invited him to be a member of his

faculty at Tanglewood where Zeitlin stayed for several seasons.

What is the artist's favorite music?

"MY TASTE in music is polytheistic. I have many tastes and attitudes, and many varying degrees of love and reverence—sometimes more love than reverence, and sometimes vice versa. Of course," he makes a choice, "the Beethoven concerto is supreme. It's in a class by itself. The Bach pieces for unaccompanied violin are among the more untiring musical pieces. I am also very fond of Ben-Chayim's Ballad for Unaccompanied Violin. I like to leave most of the other pieces I play untouched for a while so they can retain their freshness for me."

ZEITLIN HAS been fiddling since the age of nine, when the city of Haifa, to which his family moved from Russia when he was two years old, recognized

his prodigious gift and sent him to study at the Juilliard School of Music in New York on a municipal scholarship. Returning to Israel at the age of 17, he began concertizing, at the same time studying the humanities at the Hebrew University.

His New York debut at Town Hall a few years ago won him critical acclaim.

Zeitlin would like to live part of the year in Israel and part of it in this corner of the world. "But until I can afford to do that, I shall live here, simply because most of my concert commitments are in this hemisphere."

His family consists of his pretty wife Marianne, who also manages some of his programs, including his major benefit concert for the American-Israel Society in Carnegie Hall last week, and two children—Leora and Hillel, named after Hillel Zeitlin (no relation), a writer who was killed by the Nazis.



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Jewish Attorney Fights Anti-Bias Bill

By ALAN KOHN

NEW YORK (NJP) — A Jewish attorney and synagogue president opposing New York City legislation banning discrimination in private housing said he spoke out on the controversial issue "because of a sense of responsibility inherent in my faith."

The attorney, Louis H. Solomon, president of the Greenwich Village Chamber of Commerce, said it was "my concept of responsibility gathered from my studies of the theology and ethics implicit in the Judeo-Christian scriptures" that make me "stick my neck out."

Solomon debated with Jewish Republican Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs, one of the bill's sponsors, before a packed house in Greenwich Village last week. Isaacs said legislation to prevent discrimination in housing, whether public or private, was long overdue.

SOLOMON drew a sharp distinction between discrimination in public and private housing. Speaking of public housing, he said:

"I go along with the idea discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion and national origin should be prohibited by law."

But Solomon argued private property was a distinctly dif-

ferent category. "I will not subscribe to the surrender of fundamental rights," he said, "even to accomplishing a desirable objective. This proposed law will profane our legal concept of property."

SOLOMON, former president of the Brotherhood Synagogue in Greenwich Village, quoted the Biblical injunction (Lev.: XIX): "Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself."

"Moses established a mandate to responsibility for the individual in human society," Solomon continued. "My faith teaches me I do not live in a vacuum: I am part of the great organization of mankind; it is part of my job, within the group, to oppose and resist wrong."

"Faith in the teachings of Judaism is the acceptance of the mandate of man's responsibility to man. . . . It imposes a responsibility on the individual for the welfare of the community."

"That is why," Solomon concluded, "I stick my neck out."

Solomon's synagogue, of which he is now president emeritus, shares quarters with a Presbyterian church on West 13th St. The Brotherhood Synagogue is unaffiliated with any of the three main branches of religious Judaism.

LAWYER HAS RIGHT TO STAND: TWO RABBIS

NEW YORK (NJP) — Two rabbis have defended the right of a Jewish lawyer to oppose a bill banning discrimination in private housing "because of a sense of responsibility inherent in my faith."

But both said the lawyer's reasoning should have led him to support the bill. The attorney, Louis Solomon, president of the Greenwich Village Chamber of Commerce, opposed the bill because he said it would "profane our legal concept of property."

BOTH RABBI Israel Goldstein of Temple B'nai Jeshurun (Conservative) and Rabbi Edward Klein of the Free Synagogue (Reform) who made the statements are wholehearted supporters of the legislation.

Solomon said he spoke out on the controversial legislation because "my faith teaches me it is part of my job to oppose and resist wrong."

The bill, sponsored by Jewish Republican Councilman Stanley Isaacs, is tied up in the City Council's General Welfare Committee, despite its recent endorsement by Mayor Robert F. Wagner.

Organizations supporting the bill claim it will be left in committee until after the Nov. 5

Rabbi Klein has a perfect right to speak out on legislation, Rabbi Klein said. "Also Judaism recommends the right of dissent and free speech. I disagree with him but I would never challenge his rights to his sentiments."

"But," added Rabbi Klein, "I do think his reasoning about Judaism should lead him to support the bill, not oppose it."

Rabbi Goldstein said the important factor was not Solomon's right to speak up but his views.

"Nobody challenges his right to speak," Rabbi Goldstein said. "But that doesn't get us any place at all. You don't have to be a Jew to speak up."

"**WHAT'S IMPORTANT**," Rabbi Goldstein added, "is whether Mr. Solomon's views are in the tradition of Judaism. What's important is what the Jewish conscience should be on the bill."

Rabbi Goldstein suggested the way to find the Jewish viewpoint was to seek the guidance of religious leaders. He then made the following statement supporting the bill:

"As I understand Judaism, it would urge and favor every effort to safeguard human equality. In housing it is my duty—as an American and a Jew—to protect the right of my Negro fellow citizen to the same access of housing as is available to every other racial group. Therefore, I favor the bill."

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No Burial for NY Jews in Two Years Seen

NEW YORK (NJP) — **WITHIN TWO YEARS** there may no Jewish burial ground available in New York City, which has more Jews than the state of Israel.

Jews and Catholics alike here are facing an increasing problem of dwindling burial space.

One reason these groups are particularly affected is that cremation is not permitted by Orthodox Jewish and Catholic laws. Judaism limits burial to one in a grave.

And a state law prohibits establishment of new cemeteries in New York City, already crowded with commercial and business property.

MANY New York residents complain to The POST and OPINION of having to get up before dawn to have time to get out to cemeteries to visit graves of their friends and relatives.

OF THE TOTAL of 600 acres of Jewish cemeteries in New York City, only 48 are still vacant, said Charles T. Kramer, counsel for most of the 24 Jewish cemeteries in the city. About 900 are buried to an acre, he estimates. On that basis, there are 43,200 burial places for Jews left in New York City, with two and a half million Jews.

Deaths in New York City have averaged about 80,000 a year for the past few years. Assuming about 30 per cent of the population is Jewish, that would mean that about 24,000 Jews die annually in New York City. At that rate, Jewish burial grounds in New York City will be completely filled in about 22 more months.

SOME NEW YORK CITY cemeteries could expand to adjacent vacant land, but land costs have become prohibitively high. So burials are increasing in suburban areas. But land for cemeteries is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain there, too. Most suburban communities look askance at the idea of having cemeteries in their area, as they prefer to develop available land for residential or industrial purposes.

Some Jews have chosen to be buried in non-sectarian cemeteries such as Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx. But burial in a non-Jewish cemetery is disapproved by Jewish law.

Arab Student Tours in Behalf Of Hebrew U.

TEL AVIV (NJP) — An Arab student of the Hebrew University, Kamal Najib Kassem, will go to Britain, France, and the United States on a scientific mission on behalf of the university. He is the first Arab student to have such an assignment.

Kassem, who comes from a small Galilean village named Kafr-Kama, was described by Hebrew University professors as a "brilliant student of law, especially of comparative international law." He will study the organization of courts in the countries he is to visit with the university's financial support and will later publish some works on his studies here.

US To Train Jordanians

BONN, Germany—A group of Jordanian soldiers will arrive in Germany this month for military training with United States forces stationed here.

Vandals Abandon 300-Pound Markers

WYATT EARP'S TOMBSTONE IN S. F. JEWISH CEMETERY

SAN FRANCISCO (NJP) — Here's good news for television fans all over the country. The tombstone of gun-slinging Wyatt Earp is back where it belongs—on the marshal's grave at the Jewish cemetery near here.

Some hooligans had stolen it last July 7, and the marker was believed heading back to Tombstone, Ariz., where the Marshal had blazed his way into the legends of the Wild West with his six shooters.

But whether the gohst of the old frontier marshal had frightened off the thieves will never be known. What is known is that the 300 pound marker was discarded a few miles south of its resting place at the Hills of Eternity Memorial Park at Colma. And it was found accidentally Oct. 16 when two students pulled their car off the road to check the tires. There, hidden in the weeds, was the headstone.

So now in quiet dignity—in contrast to the Marshal's stormy life—the tombstone once again stands over the ashes of Earp and his wife, Josephine, one-time Jewish belle of early day San Francisco. It reads:

"Wyatt Earp, 1848-1929
Josephine Earp, 1861-1944."

As for the two San Francisco State College students who found the headstone, Hugh O'Brien, the Wyatt Earp of TV will pay them \$500 reward.

Israel 'Zionism' Blamed for Conflict

UNITED NATIONS (NJP) — Foreign Minister Charles Malik of Lebanon this week blamed Israel and "militant Zionism" for pushing the Middle East to the brink of war.

He called it a "crisis of confidence between the people on the one hand and the great powers on the other."

Malik said it was "constant fear by the Arab states of further Israel acts of aggression and plans for territorial expansion that compelled the Arabs to deflect their resources to defensive matters, and sent them in search of arms where they could get them, and regardless of the cost or the hazard."

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WHAT FOODS THESE MORSELS BE

AUTUMN SNAP BRINGS DESIRE FOR HEARTIER, WARMER MEALS

By SARAH LEIBER

WITH THE autumn snap in the air we all feel more like preparing and eating heartier meals. The oven is brought into frequent use, to take the chill out of the house at the same time

that we bake or roast. And fall fruits and vegetables inspire us to make new dishes, or to remember some infrequently prepared.

Sarah Most of us would do well to feature sweet potatoes more often on our menus. They are one of the most nutritionally complete foods nature has given us. Besides, they are delicious in taste and color.

The golden fleshed root is related to the morning glory family. It is a high energy and high vitamin food, and contains a good quantity of minerals, too. Just plain baked, they are gesh-mak. And there are many different and interesting ways to cook them. I still remember in my childhood when my aunt Bess used to come up from the South to visit, we youngsters always begged her to bake us a sweet potato pie. I was delighted when I looked over some recipes sent me by the test kitchens of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, to find a recipe much like the one I remember so fondly.

SOUTHERN SWEET POTATO PIE

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1 tsp. ground ginger
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
2 cups hot mashed sweet potatoes
2 tbsps. butter or margarine
3 eggs, unbeaten
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
1 1/4 cups milk
9 inch unbaked pie shell

MIX THE first five ingredients. Add the mashed sweet potatoes and butter. Mix well. Cool. Beat in the eggs. Stir in grated lemon rind and milk. Pour into a 9-inch unbaked pie shell. Bake 40 to 50 minutes in a pre-heated hot oven (400 degrees).

FRESH SWEET POTATO AND CHEESE CASSEROLE

2 lbs. (4 medium) raw sweet potatoes
2 tbsps. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
2 tbsps. butter or margarine
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup grated American type cheese

COOK THE sweet potatoes in their jackets until tender. Peel, slice and arrange in a one-quart casserole. Combine sugar, salt and pepper and sprinkle over each layer. Dot with butter. Add milk. Bake, uncovered 30 minutes in a pre-heated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Sprinkle with the grated cheese. Bake 15 minutes longer. Serves 4 to 6.

SWEET POTATO AND CRANBERRY CASSEROLE

4 medium sweet potatoes
1 1/2 cups fresh cranberry relish
2 cups tart apples, sliced
1 1/2 tbsps. salt
1/4 cup sugar
2 tbsps. shortening
apple slices for garnish

WASH AND PEEL sweet potatoes. Cut into slices 1/4 inch thick. Arrange alternate layers of sweet potatoes, apples, and cranberry relish (reserving 1/4 cup for garnish) in a 1 1/2-quart casserole, ending with sweet potatoes. Sprinkle each layer with sugar and seasonings. Dot with shortening. Cover and bake in a pre-heated 375-degree oven for 1 hour. Uncover and bake 30 minutes longer, basting frequently. Garnish with apple slices and the remaining cranberry relish. Good with poultry. Serves 6 to 8.

FRESH CRANBERRY RELISH

2 cups fresh cranberries
1/2 unpeeled orange
1 cup sugar
Grind the cranberries and

orange with the medium blade of the food chopper. Add sugar. Use as a relish, or in the above casserole.

SWEET POTATO PATTIES

3 cups mashed sweet potatoes
3 tbsps. shortening or butter
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
2 tbsps. sugar
1 cup cornflakes cereal, crushed

COMBINE THE first five ingredients. Shape into eight patties. Roll in crushed cornflakes. Bake on a well-greased cookie sheet in a pre-heated 350-degree oven 15 minutes or until browned. Good with chicken, pot roast or corned beef. Serves 8.

SWEET POTATO AND GRAPEFRUIT CASSEROLE

5 medium sweet potatoes, cooked and mashed
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 cup milk or orange juice
1/4 cup butter or shortening
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
1 fresh grapefruit

ADD THE seasonings, milk or juice and 3 tablespoonsfuls of the shortening to the mashed sweet potatoes. Beat in the eggs and one tablespoonful of the sugar. Beat until fluffy. Turn into a one and one-half quart casserole or baking dish. Peel and section the grapefruit and arrange on top. Dot with the remaining shortening or butter. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake in a pre-heated 375 degree oven until hot, and until the butter and sugar are melted, about 30 minutes. Serves 6.

A Word to the Wives

If you are in a hurry, make your casserole in individual custard cups. Takes less time to bake, and makes for attractive serving.

For fleischig meals, mash sweet potatoes with orange juice instead of milk, and add some grated orange rind. With a few toasted almonds for garnish you have an attractive delicious dish.

You may use either brown sugar or honey with sweet potatoes, instead of white sugar. And pineapple goes well as a garnish for these dishes.

Presents Book to Pope

JERUSALEM—Prof. Benjamin Mazar, president of the Hebrew University, visited the Vatican this month and presented Pope Pius XII with the book "The Dead Sea Scrolls" published by the university and Mossad Bialik and "A Genesis Apocryphon" edited by Drs. Y. Yadin and N. Avigad, according to the Jerusalem Post.

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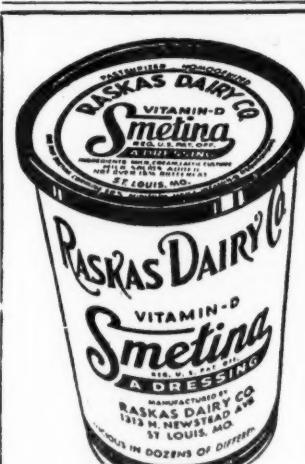
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Greenberg Struck Out But He'll Bat Again

By GEORGE VASS

IT TURNS OUT NOW that Hank Greenberg lacked at least one-third of the qualifications necessary to be the perfect general manager of a professional baseball club.

To put it bluntly, he lacked the 33 per cent in Cleveland Indians stock which would have given him 51 per cent of the total and full control of the organization. His 18 per cent represents a hand-

some chunk of money (\$750,000 would be a good guess) but could not insure him retention of the job he had held for more than seven years.

It may be that Greenberg's dismissal inaugurates a new era in baseball, a period during which general managers as well as field managers will be fired when the team is less successful both on the field and at the gate than its owners suppose it should be.

ULTIMATE perfection, it is to be assumed, will be attained when the club's ownership is tossed to the wolves if it fails to deliver a successful team to its fans.

While it would be unseemly to shed tears on Greenberg's account—his ill-conceived firing of Kerby Farrell, the unlucky field manager of the Indians, would make that ridiculous—it seems only fair to reassess his performance during the eight seasons he served as chief of the wigwam.

Greenberg's work must be measured by the success or failure of his efforts in the three fields most important to a baseball club — on the field, in the cash box, and in public relations.

In the field it seems hard to fault him. While this past season the Indians finished sixth due in large part to injuries to such star pitchers as Herb Score and Bob Leman, during the seven previous seasons they won a pennant, finished second five times and were fourth the other

years. To pummel a cliché, that's a good record in any man's league.

FURTHERMORE, Greenberg's ready eye for baseball talent is apparent in the continuing flood of promising youngsters available to the Cleveland club. Such players as Roger Maris, Rudy Regalado, Larry Raines, Rocky Colavito and Herb Score will probably keep the Indians in the top rungs of the league for a number of years.

No, it cannot be said that Greenberg short-changed the fans of Cleveland in the field. His teams have been contenders most of the time and you can't fairly expect more than that.

Or can you? Perhaps Cleveland fandom did. For it is at the cash box that the Indians have shown alarming failure recently. From an attendance of 2,223,000 in 1949, the year before Greenberg took over, the crowds have dropped to the disheartening total of 722,000 this past season. Apparently they became surfeited with second money.

IT IS EVIDENT that Greenberg failed here at the cash box and it is part of the reason why he was fired. Why he failed is debatable but the board of directors of the Cleveland club, and many others, think it was due to his maladroitness in the third field, public relations.

It would not be too harsh to say that Greenberg has the unhappy faculty of doing the wrong thing at the wrong time with singular facility.

AT THE CONCLUSION of the 1956 season Hank made a similar and even more grievous error by easing out the enormously popular Al Lopez as manager of the Indians. Lopez had never had a team finish lower than second and still hasn't.

In retrospect, it is apparent that Greenberg's worst public relations blunder was in succeeding Bill Veeck as headman of the Indians. The quiet, unspectacular ex-first baseman just couldn't compete in the public imagination with baseball's wildest promoter.

Hank Greenberg has spent 25 years in baseball as a player and an executive. At 40 he's still a comparatively young man and it's safe to say that the game hasn't heard the last of him.

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POST Columnist Writes Bible Film

Outside a sound-stage at 20th Century-Fox, Actor Montgomery Clift tells Rabbi Pinhas Peli and POST and OPINION columnist Shimon Winzelberg about the time he visited Israel. Clift is currently playing the role of Noah Ackerman, the Jewish GI, in the film version of Irwin Shaw's bestseller, "The Young Lions." Jerusalem-born Rabbi Peli, one of Israel's leading poets and editors, recently spent some time at 20th Century-Fox as technical adviser on the script for "The Story of Ruth," being written by Winzelberg for producer Samuel G. Engel.

What's on the Air

RADIO

Sunday, Oct. 27, 12:30 p. m.—"The Great Discovery," a narrative of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the history of their final gathering in one place at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, by Grace Garment, on Eternal Light program, NBC.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 10:05 a. m., EDST — Rabbi Abraham J. Klausner of Temple Emanu-El in Yonkers, N. Y., will discuss "I'm Really Not Religious, But . . ." on Message of Israel program, NBC.

Israel Elections

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Election of a new president by the Knesset is set for a special session on Oct. 27. President Itzhak Ben Zvi, president incumbent, is certain of re-election. His term expires on Dec. 9.

40 German Tourists On Israel Study Tour

JERUSALEM (NJP) — Forty tourists from Germany — the largest group to date — this week began a seven-day study tour of Israel.

The group entered Israel through Mandelbaum Gate. It was organized by the German YMCA, which hopes to dispatch more groups on a similar tour of the Middle East, the Jerusalem Post said.

One of the group's leaders, Mrs. Marianne Timms, a vicar, was greeted by two former Jewish schoolmates from Hamburg, now living in Israel.

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Digest of the Yiddish Press**Two Soviet Jews Spur 'Sputnik'**

By RABBI SAMUEL M. SILVER

THE FORWARD'S Hollywood man, Herman Queens, reports that the Passover scene in the Marjorie Morningstar film has just been shot. The Jewish aldes for the episode were Conservative Rabbi Max Vorspan and famed composer, Max Helfman.

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ONE OF THE principals responsible for the Soviet space satellite, Sputnik, is a Jew, Aryeh Sternfeld, now in his forties, about whom the Forward ran a sketch several months ago and has now reprinted in part. A native of Lodz, Sternfeld couldn't get a job in a Polish university because he was a Jew.

He drifted to Paris where, according to S. L. Schneiderman, he became a well-known Bohemian-like figure, regaling his friends in many a bistro, in a fine Yiddish, with stories about interplanetary travel. He was invited by the Soviets to come to Russia in 1935 and ever since he has been one of the country's chief spacemen.

IN THE U. S., too, Jews play



an important role in rocketry, the Forward reminds us. The American geophysical chief is Dr. Joseph Kaplan, son of a Hungarian cantor.

Two other Jewish spacemen are Milton William Rosen, 41, and Herbert Friedman, same age, both of whom are attached to the U. S. Naval research Laboratory. Another Jewish rocketeer, Harry Stein, was the one who was fired instantaneously by the Martin Co. for his assault upon the American government's satellite program.

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A DAY-JOURNAL cartoon shows a man entering his sukkah, carrying a television set.

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HERMAN SHARF, who covers the theater and TV for the Day-Journal, discloses that when French actress Lilo came to this country to act in a Broadway play, she knew no English. She learned her lines phonetically. Still, she had to communicate with her director, Abe Burrows. They finally found a way to converse: in Yiddish.

IN THE U. S., too, Jews play

CAPITAL CROSSROADS**Israeli Embassy****'Pioneer' Goes Home**

By LILLIAN LEVY
Washington Bureau Chief
National Jewish POST and OPINION

WASHINGTON — WITH THE ADVENT of Fall and the end of summer, Washington is the scene of many receptions and farewell parties. A series of the latter have been held in honor of Mordecai and Shoshanna Shalev of the Israel Embassy Press Department.

First Secretary Mordecai Shalev has the distinction of being among the pioneers of the Israel Embassy diplomatic corps in Washington. He has been here with his red-headed, attractive wife and their three children (the youngest was born here) almost as long as Ambassador Eban. Mordecai has been actively engaged in furthering public relations at the Embassy where his wife has served as receptionist and office worker in the Press Department.

A tremendous turnout (well over 150) Washingtonians turned up at the farewell party given by Counselor and Mrs. Arnon in honor of the Shalevs.

In addition to representatives of the Fourth Estate, social and community leaders, the rabbinate of Greater Washington came to say "shalom" to the Shalevs who

participated prominently in the religious life in this community, and who will be greatly missed in the services of the Montgomery County Jewish Community Center Synagogue to which they belonged and whose religious leader, Rabbi Tzvi Porath, found in their dedication to Torah a constant source of spiritual pleasure.

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Russells Show
Israel Films

AMONG THOSE recently received in Washington were Lord and Lady Edward Frederick Russell who were guests of honor at the Brandeis District Zionist meeting which opened the season.

Lady Russell, whose mother is an American, was with her husband in Israel making a film in color of "the perfectly remarkable progress the Israelis have made" when the action in Sinai took place.

They took shots of the Sinai Desert less than a week after the action began. Lady Russell

MYSTERY PERSON CONTEST

Alert Brooklyn Reader
Names Charles Aaron

A BROOKLYN READER needed only two bare hints to name Charles Aaron correctly as the Mystery Person, and thus will collect \$20 for his alertness. He is Sam Kimmel, 400 New Lots Ave., Brooklyn.



The first hint for the new Mystery Person is:

The Mystery Person is active in the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Organization.

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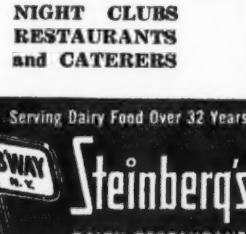
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explained that none of the shots showed the effect of the campaign on Israel because "there were no effects in Israel." The film has, according to the Russians, "no Zionist propaganda," but it has made converts to Zionism.

LORD RUSSELL charged that the present problems in the Middle East and the Soviet infiltration into Egypt and Syria were the result of failure by the Western powers to support the Anglo-French attack on Egypt last October. He also denounced the inability of the United Nations to fulfill the purpose and goal for which it was created, as guardian of world peace.

He called for abolition of the Security Council and "its absurd veto." He declared that all Israel needs for its successful and fruitful development is peace, and that the countries of the free world have done "little or nothing" to see that Israel is not "let down." He added that "it would not be an exaggeration to say that Israel has had a pretty raw deal, especially from the United Nations."

THE AUTHOR of "The Scourge of the Swastika" and "The Knights of Bushido" (both books about Japanese and German war atrocities), Lord Russell predicted that Russia is planning a new Middle East offensive with Syria as the focal point rather than Egypt.

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'Time Will Come for Jews to Leave Russia'--Khrushchev

NEW YORK (NJP) — "THE TIME will come" when Russia's Jews will be able to leave and go to Israel, Russia's boss, Nikita Khrushchev, reportedly told Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.



Eleanor Roosevelt said that it is admitted very difficult for a Jew to leave Russia if he wants to settle in Israel, or even visit there, but the Russ dictator added "the

time will come when everyone who wants to go, will be able to do so," according to Mrs. Roosevelt.

She said Khrushchev emphasized that "Communists could not be anti-Semitic." He pointed out that his own son, who was

killed in the war, was married to a Jewess. He claimed that Jews in the Soviet Union were given all the opportunities for education and employment on all levels.

KHRUSHCHEV also told Mrs. Roosevelt, according to the newspaper story that Russia, which voted for the creation of the state of Israel, felt at present that "Israel must change her policies and be less aggressive."

Khrushchev declared that there were 80 million Arabs and one million Jews, and that if the Israelis kept up their present policy they would be destroyed, Mrs. Roosevelt said.

Khrushchev also told her, she said, that he knew very well the Arabs made mistakes, but the Soviet Union was for a class, not for a state. Israel consisted of all kinds of classes, he said; the Soviets were "for the socialists," but not for the state.

Rabbi Criticized for Quitting His Post as Prison Chaplain

LOS ANGELES (WNS) — SHARP CRITICISM of Rabbi Julius A. Leibert, who recently resigned as chaplain of San Quentin prison (NJP, Aug. 30), was voiced here by Rabbi Eugene Gruenberg, chaplain of the California State Department of Mental Hygiene, who said the resignation statement of Rabbi Leibert could leave "an altogether wrong and unfair picture" with the Jewish and non-Jewish taxpayer.

Rabbi Leibert was said to have resigned in protest against a social view on crime which puts men in prison instead of hospitals. He also stated at the time of his resignation that he did not believe a rabbi ought to be a paid employee of the state and that he was revolted at the thought of acting as a chaplain during an execution.

An unnamed Israeli magazine prompted the Times to state its view when the magazine said that if Britain were not interested in exploiting the refineries, French or American companies would be delighted to take them over on terms far more favorable than those granted by Shell.

The Times, equally hypersensitive, said it doubted whether considerable profits could be made at the Haifa refineries, at least under present circumstances.

Israel Accused Of 'Sensitivity' In Oil Pullout

LONDON — The Petroleum Times has accused Israel of "hypersensitivity" and expressed the hope that the Israeli government would not take any "hasty and regrettable action" with regard to the Haifa refineries.

Rabbi Gruenberg's retort was that when Rabbi Leibert was appointed chaplain he was aware of the existence of capital punishment in California and that, in any event, he was appointed to the chaplaincy as "a reform-

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Israel And The Middle East

By ABRAHAM BURSTEIN

ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST, by Harry B. Ellis, \$4.00 (Ronald Press).

From the distinguished correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor comes an honest, objective recapitulation of past and recent Mid-East history. One sees the collision of two ardent nationalisms, the power of Zionism over non-Jewish Jews, the democratic structure of Jewish life as opposed to Arab aristocracy, the uniting of antagonistic Arab groups in one insistent assault on Israel, the suicidal acceptance of Red aid, and some of the localized problems that exacerbate the situation.

Mr. Ellis in particular depicts the plight of the village Qalqilya, at the tip of the bulge only ten miles from the sea, and how the villagers watch sullenly as the Jews of Netanya till the soil they used to own. He recognizes the provocations on both sides, noting how the Powers tend to ignore repeated incursions by the Arabs while condemning the ultimate massive retaliation of the Israelis. No more factual recital of the problem has appeared in ten years past.

LAMP IN JERUSALEM, by Drayton Mayrant, \$3.75. (Appleton-Century-Crofts).

In a beautifully written and constructed novel, Miss Drayton has related the story of Jezebel, who from her stronghold in the North held control of the queen

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thrilling narrative.

SECRETS OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS, by Hugh J. Schonfield, \$4.50 (Yoseloff).

What Dr. Schonfield has accomplished is the correlation of the Scrolls with other contemporary literature, movements, and events, in an effort to establish the meaning of the texts and their effect on Christian and other developments. To this end he has employed not alone a wide area of learning, but also the mystic elucidatory methods known as Atbash (aleph-teth, beth-shin, etc.), gematria (which employs numerical values of the Hebrew letters), and legendry. We are shown, among others, the beginning of the Angel-Messiah concept afterwards taken over by the Judaeo-Christians and associated by them with Jesus. The relationship between the Hasidim and the New Covenant Party is confirmed. The people of the caves carried their influence far beyond Qumran, is the final word. An ingenious and impressive display of erudition and scholarly deduction.

BASIC VALUES IN JEWISH

ON STAGE, EVERYONE

By Mordecai M. Kaplan, \$1.50 (Reconstructionist Press).

This is a reprint of two outstanding chapters in "The Future of the American Jew," limning the major ethical beliefs and practices of Judaism.

The familiar pattern of Dr. Kaplan's preachers is evident throughout—in analysis of basic teachings and current situations he is supreme; in assuming that Judaism must be expanded from an other-worldly habitation to the actualities of this-worldly society, and that much tradition must be destroyed in order to achieve modernity, he will meet factual and emotional opposition.

The reprinting is for the use of study and discussion groups.

CHURCH STATE AND EDUCATION, by Ernest Barker, \$1.35 (University of Michigan Press).

The essays of Prof. Barker on history, philosophy, religion, and political science are reminiscent of the work of Lord Acton. For he too displays learning, liberality, and unusual clarity of expression. Noteworthy are his spoofs of the "deified ruler" in Roman history; his elucidation of the true duties of the State (its discredit by interested propagandists "is a sign that it has done its work well"); his "conception of political theory as moral philosophy applied to the life of the whole community"; and his remarks on "The Use of Leisure." A remarkable addition to the literature of freedom.

SOLDIERS ASKED TO GIVE

LONDON—An appeal to Jews in the British armed forces to give one day's pay to charity was launched on Yom Kippur.

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JEWISH ALL-AMERICANS

THE LACK of Jewish All-Americans in football may be a catastrophe of sorts to Jewish football fans, and also the sports columnist for The POST and OPINION, George Vass, but to the editorial writer it may even be a good sign.

The time when there was a fair share of Jewish All-American players, Jewish boxers holding titles, big league stars and so forth, is not too far distant that most of us do not recall it.

Sid Luckman, Benny Friedman, Hank Greenberg, Benny Leonard, Barney Ross are performers whom many of you reading this comment have seen in their days of top athletic prowess.

TODAY YOU SEARCH long and hard for a Jewish athlete in the United States who has hit the top rung.

But you still find them in Russia and Hungary; you still find them in Algeria, and you will find them in other localities where the only road to fame is through the athletic field because other avenues to success are more or less cut off.

In other words, the lack of top Jewish athletes, while bemoaned by the sports fan, may mean the normalization of Jewish life in the United States and elsewhere. This doesn't mean that there won't be the occasional Jewish boxer or grid star who will make the hearts of sports enthusiasts beat faster, but it does mean that the sports pages won't be crowded with Jewish names. Jews will have their fair share of great athletes, but no more.

Today it is the Negro star who excels, for much the same reason that the Jewish boxer excelled 20 and 30 and more years ago.

HANG AROUND, MR. POLINSKY

THE COMPLAINT voiced by A. B. Polinsky, general chairman of the fund campaign of the United States Reform group that less than 4 per cent of the \$130,000,000 given by United States Jewry went to institutions dedicated to the advancement of Judaism, is hardly new. The key word here is "institutions."

To some extent, this imbalance can be charged to the indifference of today's Jews toward religion.

But this would only be part of the story.

WHEN YOU ADD to what goes to institutions like the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, etc., the money that finances our congregations throughout America and the building fund contributions, then the 4 per cent figure would have to be increased considerably.

Under the impact of what happened to Jews under Hitler and the advent of the Jewish state, Jewish purse strings have been loosened to an unprecedented degree. So much so that it could hardly be expected that an exclusively religious appeal could compete.

IF IT'S ANY COMFORT, the chances are that even the 4 per cent is an increase over what was donated previously. This means that in the future, the scales will be tipped toward religious giving, since it must be obvious that if there is going to be an American Jewish community, it will be a religious one.

The appeals which are fat today, such as the United Jewish Appeal, the various national Jewish organizations—such as the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Committee and American Jewish Congress—will go into a decline as needs in their areas lighten.

THE ONE PLACE where our religious bodies suffer is in the matter of bequests. Were our congregations and their national bodies included in bequests when wealthy individuals make their wills, the consequent endowments would relieve the urgency for funds for current upkeep and make possible fuller programs.

Our advice to Mr. Polinsky is to hang around. Religion will yet have its day in the United States Jewish community.

POSSIBLE OVERCROWDING

THE PROMOTION already launched on a surprisingly large basis for visiting Israel next year on the 10th anniversary of its existence as a modern Jewish state could be too successful.

Already many people who had been planning trips to the Jewish state have expressed reservations over the possibility that the crush of visitors might make a stay next year unpleasant. There may be a shortage of hotels and restaurants, and travel conditions may be overtaxed.

Obviously this is not an impossibility. There are times in any country when transportation is not available and when hotel accommodations are all used up.

WHETHER SUCH WILL be the case in Israel next year, we don't know. But if the fear of such a condition keeps people from visiting Israel, then the condition might as well exist in fact.

Therefore, the Israel Tourist Corporation should not only check into the situation as far as reservations, etc., are concerned, and issue periodic statements, not merely assurances, but should quote facts to dispel any misconceptions.

The boon to Israel of tourism needs no elaboration to POST and OPINION readers. Therefore, the exploitation of the 10th anniversary should not be allowed to create a condition which might harm tourism. Overcrowding and its concomitant unpleasantness can set tourism to Israel back by several years.

The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

ON ONE OF MY trips to New York, I had a chance to chat with Dewey Stone, and then help him take a painting by Mrs. Abba Eban, which he had framed, to the airport where he boarded a plane for Hyannis, Mass.

He couldn't carry it himself. A few days before he had been in an auto accident near his summer place and had suffered a broken rib. He didn't know that his injuries were that severe, but when the pain wouldn't permit him to sleep, he went to the hospital, where an X-ray revealed the break. He bemoaned his misfortune—not that his rib was broken—but that it would take him out of golf competition for a few months.

He told me of a ruse he played on the board of Brandeis University which led to their hiring of Dr. Sachar, whom they wanted desperately but didn't think they could get.

AND THEN he told me about a project in connection with Abba Eban's new book. He had gone to a binder, selected a most exquisite cover, and had 500 of the books, all autographed by Eban, done especially in the finest leather. These books he's selling for \$25 each. He believes they will become collector's items.

The book is a compilation of Eban's speeches and since all who read this have heard Eban, they know that if anyone has ever put together prose so that it sounds like a symphony of words, that person is Abba Eban.

I told Dewey to send me one of the books, and in return I'd see that 25 readers of The POST and OPINION would buy copies. Oh, yes, I forgot to say, that the money from the sale will go to outfitting the Eban laboratory at the Weizmann Institute. Dewey Stone is defraying the cost of the binding and the books.

So let's see 25 checks in the amount of \$25 each in the mail in the next few days. Make out the checks to Dewey Stone, and

send them to me at P. O. Box 1633, Indianapolis 6, Indiana. The books will be shipped to you promptly.

ALSO WHILE in New York at a later date—to attend the Bond Conference—I was pleased to learn that the son of my friend, Jacques Torczyner, an administrative vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, was to be Bar Mitzva that Saturday morning. It was my pleasure to attend the beautiful service at Kehillath Jeshurun. I was to hear Rabbi J. H. Lookstein twice. That morning and that night—at Selichot. What made this Bar Mitzva outstanding, in addition to the very fine rendition by the Bar Mitzva, was the presence of some very big people. Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was there, Emanuel Neumann, president of the ZOA, and many others.

WHILE WE'RE on the subject of the trips to New York, which, incidentally, because of our thriving New York office—the National Edition is now printed in New York—I'm visiting more and more often, I should tell you that on the plane to the Bond conference I flew with Israel S. Rosenberg, Deputy Minister of the Department of Welfare of Israel. He is a former rabbi from Hartford, Conn., who went to Israel, and soon rose to a position of importance in the government.

He tells an exciting story of how juvenile delinquency has been practically kept to a minimum, even with all the conditions that should breed a real problem in this area, such as economic adversity, inadequate housing, poor recreation facilities, the large newcomers group from backward countries, etc. His department proceeds on the most progressive principles and instead of incarcerating offenders, whenever possible, sends them to trade schools, of which 17 are now functioning.

NOAH:

While The Earth Endures

By RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN
KAM Temple, Chicago

Sputnick, the Russian satellite, as it revolves around the earth, seems to be taking the measure of our globe, as a hangman calculates the size of his victim to determine the slack on the fatal rope. Our generation cannot have the same assurance that earlier ages took from the promise to Noah:

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

NEVER WAS the rainbow so sickled o'er with poisonous fallout, never the olive branch so bitter with gall, never the dove of peace so homeless.

The weapons for global destruction are at hand and nervous fingers paw all over the releasing trigger. The statesmen of the world seem intent on playing Russian roulette with an atomic pistol. We hear endless discussions about the relative ingenuity of Russian and American scientists, about NATO and Bandung, about Turkey and Syria, Poland and Hungary and Yugoslavia, about East Germany, and West Germany.

THERE ARE constant reassessments of the effective manpower that could be mobilized by one coalition of forces as against another. Logistic logicians, with the aid of IBM calculators, are determining just where the arrow of advantage points as between the country that has the rocket that can deliver the atomic warhead and the country that has the greatest pile of most destructive warheads.

These "practical" discussions have even pushed from public consciousness the older ideological arguments between the advocates of a free, private profit economy plus a social welfare program for the losers and the advocates of a state controlled economy with a strong internal police for the dissidents. The spokesmen for these two contending power systems do not speak the saving word. One seems committed to the hold-over shibboleths of expanding capitalism and plays a hard-headed game of giving economic favors for military bases, salving his conscience by pious tributes to a United Nations which has only the powers the two great contenders are will-

ing to give it. The other talks peace while pursuing war, talks freedom while throttling it, talks national integrity while shackling half the globe with Russian steel.

NO ONE SPEAKS for man. No effective voice breaks the sound barrier with a plea for elementary sanity—the recognition of the unmitigated madness of war, the recognition of the need of all living human beings for freedom, security and the pursuit of happiness. No effective voice is calling for the mobilization of the technical skills, planning intelligence and the financial wizardry now available to solve the problem of the pressure of population on the soil, so that the world will no longer be half slave and half free. We still compete for the allegiance of the vast populations of Africa and Asia by bribes and threats and technical legerdemain and corrupt even our good intentions by a callous disregard of the essential personality of these "backward" peoples.

Prepare, then, to see some Noah at the busy crossroads, before a Satellite Ark, promising redemption for some saving remnant in a part of the heavens which Sputnik's successors and their American competitors can not reach. Our ancestors considered that conditional clause: "While the earth endures," a sufficient and satisfactory lease. Can we?

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Luther Wasn't Friend Of Jews, Reader Says

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
I LOOK IN continual amazement at items appearing, from time to time, in publication relative to the activities and vocalizations of some of our rabbis.

For Rabbi Plaut of St. Paul, Minneapolis, in obvious deference to his Lutheran guests, to quote Martin Luther as referring to himself as a "Judaist" is to pointedly ignore Luther's warning approach to Jewish conversion and later to his cruel attack on the Jews.

UNLESS MY source material is wrong, Luther condemned the Catholic Church's treatment of the Jews by persecution and forceful conversions and argued that the proper "way was the way suggested by the best among the ancient fathers of the Church, the way of kindness and

consideration." When Luther failed to win the Jews over to Christianity through "kindness and consideration," he became more vitriolic and virulent in his attacks on and abuse of the Jews than had the Catholic Church been and his bitterness more extreme; he urged the complete extermination of the Jews, a program better understood by a latter-day Hitler.

Let us, by all means, foster and promote in today's search for universal peace, a friendly spirit and a generous understanding among the faiths, but let the Rabbis never forget that the aim of Christianity is as it always was; and that the living Jew who stubbornly refuses to yield his faith and tradition is Christianity's greatest challenge.

NORMAN RICHMAN
Miami, Fla.

Religion Returning to Israel, As 'Need to Differ' Fades

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
POST READERS may be interested in some things I heard, on a recent workshop tour in Israel, concerning the question of religion in Israel.

Non-religious as well as religious persons spoke of a gradual return to Judaism and tradition. The early halutzim, explained the mayor of one of Israel's great cities, believed that "they had to stand on their heads" in order to disassociate themselves from the Galut. These erstwhile rebels have now matured, and find it no longer necessary to stand on their heads. Thus, one finds a return to Friday evening candles, to the study of Tanach, and generally to the Masoret (tradition) even in Mapai Kibbutzim.

A bright, tall, 17-year-old soldier, product of a religious school, told of the influence of six religious members of Nahal (young military kibbutzniks) on their comrades, whose own void

was gradually filled by the living, meaningful religion of their associates, especially as it manifested itself on the Sabbath. (The same youth complained about the 'hillul hashem,' and harm to the cause of Judaism in Israel, caused by the anti-Israel antics of American pious fanatics.)

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Nissim visits non-religious kibbutzim; and young people from non-religious kibbutzim are invited to religious settlements, with favorable results.

DEDICATED religious modernists, with liberal-traditionalist approach, and organizational know-how, could achieve significant results in Israel. However, such dedicated modernists will not achieve it by preaching to Israelis. They must live and work in Israel. Perhaps a good start could be made if a number of American congregations repeat a wartime practice, when they gave their rabbis leaves of absence in order to become chaplains. Let the congregations give their rabbis a year's leave of absence, with partial salary, so that the rabbis could work in non-religious kibbutzim and new settlements. The rabbis, of course, would benefit greatly from their experience, and so would the congregations to which they would return. But most important, Israeli Judaism would benefit.

Meanwhile, a valuable suggestion for the advancement of the cause of religion among Israeli intellectuals was made to me by Dr. Joseph Burg, Israeli minister of post, and a liberal leader of the Hapoel Hamizrahi. New Project Urged

DR. BURG would like to publish paper-back anthologies of selections from the writings of American Jewish religious thinkers. He feels that such moderately-priced anthologies would be read widely by Israeli intellectuals, and leave a beneficial effect, religiously. Dr. Burg feels that such anthologies would also serve as a cultural bridge between Israeli and American Jewries. \$2,500.00, he believes, could launch this project. We hope some religious-minded philanthropist, with imagination and initiative, is reading this letter.

RABBI NATHAN BARACK
Sheboygan, Wis.

Israel Papers Rap Weisgal, '10th' Boss

TEL AVIV (NJP) — Israel newspapers are violently attacking Meir Weisgal, whom the

Israeli government has appointed chairman of Israel's 10th anniversary celebration.

But the government has decided to stick to Weisgal's appointment.

Weisgal has been criticized because he is still an American citizen although he is residing in Israel, because he does not know Hebrew, and because he wants "to introduce American style in Israeli folk celebrations."

Reds Drill Syria GI's

FRANKFURT, Germany — Syria had about 10 Communist instructors to teach her soldiers how to handle Russian tanks, President Shukri el Kuwatly of Syria said in an interview published in the "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung."



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Lauds Alpert for 'Exposure' Of Histadrut Ruthlessness

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
I WISH TO congratulate Carl Alpert for his enlightening columns about life in Israel. I think his exposure of the ruthless activities engaged in by the Histadrut and its affiliates are important things for all of us to know.

The idea of class struggle is wholly against the Jewish religion (Orthodox, Conservative

Belzer Rebbe Is Mourned

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

It was interesting to note in your Aug. 23 issue of The National Jewish POST and OPINION, six lines in the obituaries devoted to the death of Rabbi Aharon Rokeach in Israel. I venture to say that hundreds of your readers, many of whom no longer conform to a life of Orthodoxy, would be shocked to learn that Rabbi Aharon Rokeach was none other than the Belzer rebbe.

Prior to the second World War, the Belzer rebbe had hundreds of thousands of followers among our people who adhered to his word in the minutest detail. His influence was so strong among Hasidim even today, that over 20,000 people attended his funeral, many flying in from overseas.

It is the essence of liberalism to report even those ideas and values with which one is not in sympathy, certainly on these ideas which played such an important role during a period of Jewish history. It is indecent to contemplate that a life of eighty years of spirituality can be reduced to obscurity by six lines in newsprint, and by reference to the man as Rabbi Aharon Rokeach.

YAFFA KLEIN
New York City

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Post was the only Anglo-Jewish paper in the country that carried news of Rabbi Rokeach's death. The others were a week late.

B'NAI B'RITH SHOULDN'T TAKE POLITICAL SIDES

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
This is a copy of a letter I wrote to B'nai B'rith national headquarters:

B'nai B'rith,
1003 K Street, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

September 5, 1957

Dear Sirs:

RECENTLY THE Vander- veer Park (Brooklyn) Chapter and Lodge of B'nai B'rith distributed several thousand copies of a leaflet entitled "FAIR PLAY IN HOUSING."

The subject of this leaflet was the controversial Sharkey-Issacs-Brown Fair Housing Bill and its intent was to have local residents write to the Mayor and to the City Council expressing their desire for its passage.

AS A NEW YORKER I believe that such important public issues should be fully discussed and that the views of the people made known to the public officials whose responsibility it is to legislate on these matters.

I know that there has been a good deal of controversy over this particular bill and New Yorkers have been divided quite sharply according to their viewpoints.

As a Jew I have always thought of B'nai B'rith as

or Reform) and is essentially very damaging to the morale and progress of the Israeli nation as a whole. To add further disgrace to its reputation as a labor union, it also acts the role of a monopolist in the worst manner of capitalism.

IN THE United States to my knowledge neither the AFL-CIO nor the National Association of Manufacturers conduct public financial drives to aid them in their respective activities. (Certainly, it is not done under the guise of charity!)

Why, then, should the Histadrut launch such a financial drive in America especially when Histadrut combines some of the worst features of American capitalism and labor? If any sector of the Israeli economy needs help, it is the small businessmen, shopkeepers and people who are willing to invest their moderate savings in Israel.

J. JOE ADLER
New York

Aid Youth to Get Its Voice In Jewish Affairs

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

GEORGE LEFEVEE'S speech at the Aleph Zadek Aleph International Jewish youth convention makes a provocative observation.

"If youth is expected to contribute to Jewish communal funds, they should have a right to decide how those funds should be spent."

This age-old injustice of taxation without representation in the Jewish community is now being visited upon our children. Our elders were too indifferent or pre-occupied with other matters they thought were more important and gave little consideration to this democratic principle.

In the interest and welfare of the community, it is time for a change. Emboldened youth can do it and we should support and encourage it in this undertaking.

ISIDOR TEITELBAUM
New York

Orthodox Jew Saves Torah's Moral Values

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
IN A RECENT editorial you pointed out some mistakes made by Life magazine in its analysis of the Jewish community and Zionism. These errors, of course, are to be expected. Life, being outside the Jewish community, could not be expected to realize the deep psychological significance that Zion has for the Jew, or to understand how Jews who seem rational in every other way could be influenced by the love of a land which, for the most part, neither they nor their ancestors have seen for two millennia.

I believe that the same sort of misunderstanding is responsible for your comments on "Orthodox" Judaism in the editorial immediately below that one, and especially for the closing sentence, ". . . Orthodoxy either must give up the ghost or . . ." (by implication) permit riding on the Sabbath. Not being "Orthodox," you cannot be expected to appreciate the significance which this remark has. Perhaps some "Orthodox" Jews will agree with you. I imagine, however, that most who make use of that designation find it very distasteful for you to keep telling them that their efforts toward a maximum preservation of Jewish tradition are futile.

But what you give no thought to is the "Orthodox" Jew for whom "Orthodoxy" means, not membership in the right wing of (small "C") conservative Judaism, but unconditional persistence in the Mosaic, Pharisaic tradition, as he has been taught it. For him, Torah is a binding system of moral values with radical significance for the human soul and the Jewish race, rather than a national culture (or mythology) with which it is desirable to seek identification.

Riding to shul (by operation of an internal combustion engine at any rate) is, for him, a fundamental and serious violation of the Sabbath, which, it is hardly necessary to point out, is a central and essential element of this system (as may be evidenced by its inclusion in the Ten Commandments). It is going to be a small consolation to him to know that the synagogue to which his children are going to ride will continue to call itself "Orthodox." You are, in effect, telling this Jew, not that he must make certain minor concessions, but that "Orthodoxy" is not viable in this environment, that in America at least, it has been a failure.

If this is actually your opinion you are certainly free to publish it—to pretend that you think otherwise would be hypocritical. But the more emphasis you place on this belief, the less satisfactory The POST is, for such Jews as I have described, as an organ of the news "and Opinion" of the Jewish community. Of course you can't please everyone. I imagine that, I havdil, a member of the American Council for Judaism would feel that by your editorial position you have almost explicitly excommunicated him from the community which you seek to serve.

I hope that this and similar situations like it are corrected. Otherwise many present members may have to look elsewhere for their social and fraternal outlets. B'nai B'rith can't have it both ways—the public won't allow it.

ALLAN C. BROWNFIELD
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Cincinnati, O.

CHICAGO'S JEWISH 'SANTA CLAUS' DIES; IRISH POLICE CAPTAIN AIDS BURIAL

CHICAGO, Ill. (NJP) — AN IRISH POLICE CAPTAIN acted speedily recently when he learned that Santa Claus died and his body was ticketed for a Potter's Field burial. And a Jewish rabbi moved with equal speed when he discovered that Santa Claus was Jewish.

Of course, he wasn't really Santa Claus to everybody. But William Moss, 65, was St. Nick for the last 10 years to the kids around 79th and South Halstead Sts., where he donned beard and bright red suit for the merchant's association.

Capt. William Hennessey said Moss was a friend to a lot of folks. He liked children and he had a hearty laugh.

HENNESSEY, Moss' landlady, and a friend, Sam Kaplan, in whose restaurant Moss dined daily, never did learn any information about his family.

"They live out East," Moss would say. "I've been here 22 years. This is my home."

When Hennessey was told Moss had no money for burial he ordered the body taken to an undertaker—and then spread the word. Businessmen, policemen,

the waitresses in Kaplan's restaurant, dipped into their pockets.

"WE'VE GOT ENOUGH for a fine funeral," Hennessey said.

When it was learned that Moss was Jewish, Rabbi Jacob S. Rich moved in on the scene and made all arrangements for Moss to be buried in true Jewish tradition.

"Sure he had flowers," said Hennessey. "And a motorcycle escort to Beverly Cemetery with some squad cars, too. It isn't every day you lose Santa Claus."

Northern Jews Scored For Segregation Attitude

NEWARK, N. J. (NJP) — AN ANTI-DEFAMATION League official predicts "optimistically" that "we are faced with 20 years of violence in the South as the segregation perimeter recedes."

The warning came from Alexander F. Miller, national director of the community service division of the league, as he addressed a Jewish Affairs Luncheon here on "The dilemma of the Jew in the South."

Miller, who has spent many years in the South, said he was surprised at the progress made since the Supreme Court school integration three years ago.

BUT, HE ADDED, "the farther South the attempts at desegregation are made, the harder will be the resistance."

With 20 per cent of once-segregated school districts already integrated, Jews in the South, representing less than one-half of 1 per cent of the population

Rabbi Hits Segregation

ORANGE, N. J. (NJP) — Segregation is un-American and un-Jewish according to a rabbi in this increasingly bi-racial community.

Rabbi Arnold A. Lasker, writing his Sukkot message in the Congregation Beth Torah bulletin, told his readers:

"Condoning of segregation in housing, recreational facilities, employment and education is both un-American and un-Jewish. This means that we must be ready to associate with others—regardless of race or creed—at work and at play."

"Never by word or by deed should we encourage the maintenance of segregated neighborhoods and schools, nor permit nonsensical barriers to separate human beings."

Rabbi Lasker, whose spiritual followers face a nagging problem of Negro expansion in their community, based his views on the spectacle of Little Rock.

"The test of democracy, as we Jews have good reason to know, consists not in the benefits obtained by the majority but in the rights freely granted to the minority," he wrote.

Morris D. May

MONROE, Mich. (NJP) — Morris D. May, 52, president of Monroe Scrap Material Co., died here of a heart attack.

During World War II, he was among the 20 men who served in the government's scrap material program.

He was a founder and charter member of B'nai Israel Temple here and served on its board of directors until the temple was completed.

in their area, are in a difficult position, Miller said.

"Jews are frightened because from experience they know that anti-Semitism springs up out of tension and that is what is essentially a black and white situation, the bigot leader inevitably drags in anti-Semitism as an important part of his campaign."

In the face of this situation, Miller said, many Jews are acting with courage. But he was critical of Northerners who denounce the South but discriminate themselves especially when faced by the attempts of Negroes in their communities to purchase decent homes, live in decent neighborhoods and send their children to decent schools.

"Many Jews," he said, "react to this kind of desegregation in the same frightened, fearful timid way as many Southern Jews to school desegregation."

Jewish Leaders Evade Little Rock Issue, Is Charge

By AL ARONOWITZ

SPRING VALLEY, N. Y. (NJP) — Jewish religious and lay leaders were accused last week of shirking their responsibilities in the Little Rock school integration controversy.

THE UNITED STATES is involved in a cold Civil War as grievous as the war between the states of 100 years ago," warned Isaac Toubin, national executive director of the American Jewish Congress, at an AJ Congress meeting here.

"In achieving a just peace in this war, religious leaders and groups have a major responsibility. Thus far, they have not discharged this responsibility with courage or integrity.

"Religious leaders have not spoken clearly or consistently. They have been more concerned about maintaining their congregations than in upholding the word of God."

Toubin issued his accusation after returning from Little Rock.

SHELL OIL'S ISRAEL HOLDINGS REPORTED SOLD TO JEWISH GROUP

TEL AVIV (NJP) — The machinery and interests of Shell Oil in Israel have been bought by a London and Paris company, it was reported here.

Shell suspended its Israel operations during the summer.

The purchasers are the London financier Isaac Wolfson and the French firm Petro-France, owned by the Nahmias brothers.

Purchase price was five million pounds, according to the report.

Home office of Shell in London refused to comment on the report that their equipment and interests in Israel had been sold.

Orthodox Are Accused of 'Strangling Freedom' in Israel

By S. ITZHAKI

TEL AVIV (NJP) — The left-wing Labor parties in Israel, Achdut Avoda and Mapam, have accused the Orthodox rabbinate of "strangling freedom of conscience in Israel" in an article in the parties' mouthpiece, "La-merchav."

The lengthy article called for a revolt against religious laws and institutions in Israel. The chief rabbinate was accused of "blackmail" and "hutzpa" because it had threatened several

for boycotting the American-Israeli paper mills of Hadera because the mills employed workers on the Sabbath.

"A defensive war against religious compulsion for freedom of conscience," said the article, "cannot influence fund-raising campaigns abroad or immigration to Israel, since these never have been motivated by religious feelings."

The threat made by Israeli religious leaders that diaspora Jewry will not tolerate disrespect for religion in Israel is but another means of blackmail aimed at strangling freedom and democracy in Israel," the article added.

The article also called for the introduction of civil marriage "as a first step of the anti-religious revolt in Israel."

"Freedom-loving citizens" are asked to show their "disgust" for the "old-fashioned ketuba" and the "wild ceremony" of hupa.

Krupp Cancels Trip to America

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NJP) — Whether cancellation of a proposed U. S. trip of Alfred Krupp, ex-Nazi German industrialist, was brought about by protests against the arms maker for Hitler or actually was caused by the recent death of his mother will probably never be known. He was to have addressed an International Industrial conference in San Francisco, and had been granted a visa by the State Department.

Religious Laws Deter Religion, Philosopher Says

TEL AVIV (NJP) — Compulsory religious laws have been the main obstacle in the religious awakening in Israel, Professor Hugo (Samuel) Bergman of Jerusalem, declared here in an interview with the Mizrachi daily, "Hatzofe."

"Tolerance is the most needed quality," Bergman, well-known philosopher, said, "at a moment when a new Israeli nation is being created."

Rabbi Graubart said the UOR action was "Un-American, Un-Jewish, and inhuman."

He declared that branding of Conservative rabbis as "false leaders" by the UOR was "sheer stupidity."

The rabbi declared "This is a sin in the eyes of God. In my opinion these rabbis have committed a great sin."

"I call it sheer stupidity in this age in which we live."

Rabbis Ira Eisenstein of Chicago, Jacob Agus of Baltimore and William P. Greenfeld of Indianapolis were also named by the UOR as "unbelievers" and unqualified to act as either authorities or witnesses in matters of Jewish law.

JERUSALEM (NJP) — Two anti-Semitic, anti-Israel booklets are being distributed in Jordan to tourists who intend to cross into Israel. Neither bears the name of the author, the publisher, the printer, the date, or the country in which it was printed.

The first one, "Jews Fight Religions," alleges that the Talmud's teachings are motivated by "bloodshed, hate and malice."

Jews were charged as responsible for the massacre of 150,000 Christians in Cyprus in ancient times.

The second, "Jews are a Religious Community, not a Nation," says that "Jews claim they form a racial entity." The booklet alleges that "the Jews are a religious community which comprises a mixture of races, groups and elements far from forming a nation or a people possessing racial features and characteristics."

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